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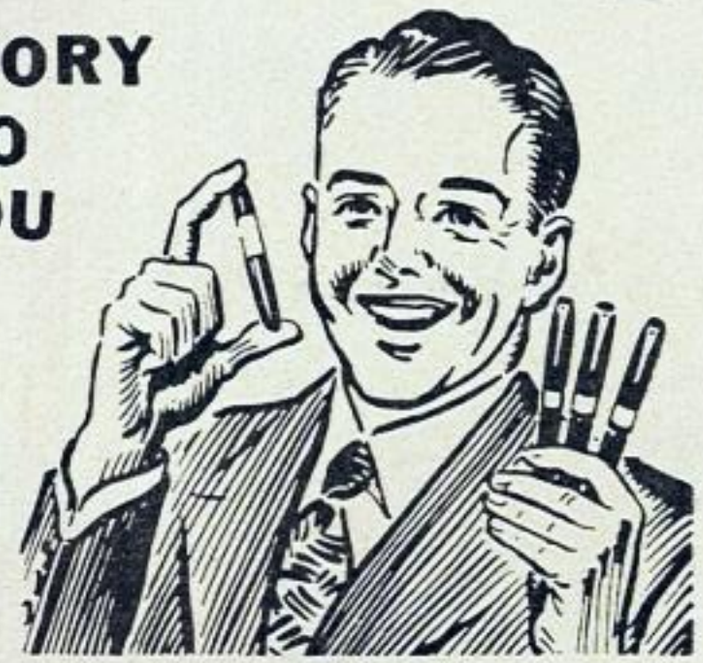

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TORCHY

DON'T THEY MAKE A LOVELY COUPLE?

THEY CERTAINLY DO!

WHENEVER TORCHY TODD'S LUSCIOUS FACE AND FIGURE CAN'T GET HER INTO TROUBLE ON THEIR OWN, LEAVE IT TO ED TRACY, EBULLIENT BOY FRIEND OF TORCHY'S ROOMMATE, TESS PARKER, TO DO IT FOR HER!

GILL FOX

YOU COULD?
WHAT'S SO SURPRISING ABOUT THAT? WHO COULDN'T?

"THE MANUFACTURERS OF PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS WILL PROVIDE A MILLION DOLLAR WEDDING, A TWENTY ROOM HOUSE AND A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MAGNIFICENT MANFRED AND THE GIRL LUCKY ENOUGH TO MARRY HIM! WHO WILL SHE BE?"

THE QUESTIONS THEY ASK! AS IF THEY COULD DO ANY BETTER THAN YOU, TORCHY!
ME? BUT!...!

BUT NOTHING! YOU AND MANFRED WON'T NEED ALL OF THE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO START OUT IN LIFE! SO YOU CAN GIVE ME HALF!
TORCHY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! THIS NUT'S HAVING A BRAINSTORM AND THAT ALWAYS LEADS TO DISASTER! C'MON, IT'S A NICE DAY FOR SUNNING ON THE BEACH!

I KNOW THE BEACH THEY GO TO! IT'S A PERFECT SETUP! THE PERK'S VITAMIN Q EXECS WILL SEE TORCHY AS SHE SHOULD BE SEEN!

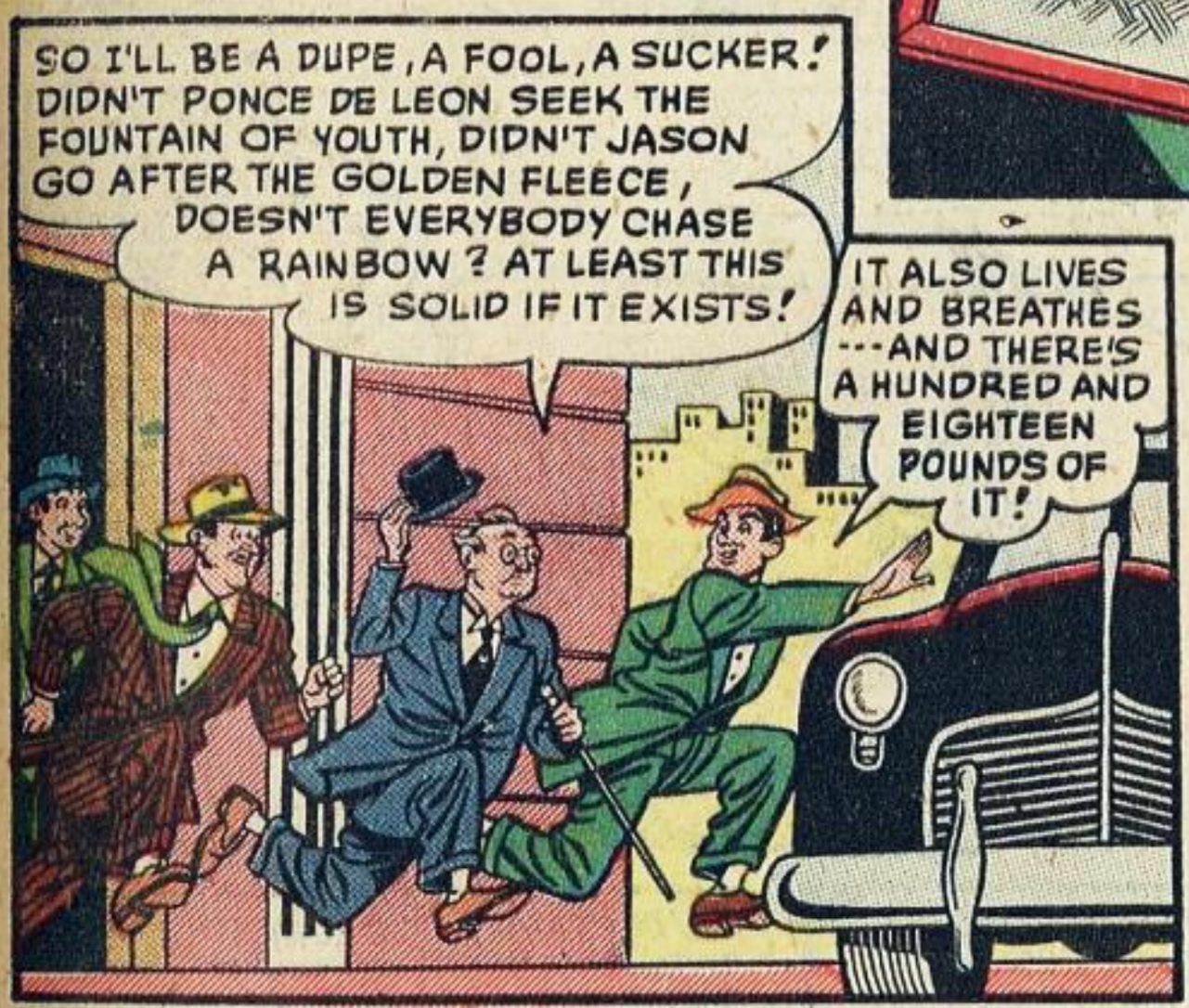
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, T.H.! WE'LL NEVER FIND A GIRL MAGNIFICENT ENOUGH FOR MAGNIFICENT MANFRED!
PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS INC.
T. HOMER PERK, PRES.
IT CAN'T BE DONE, T.H.!

TO T. HOMER PERK NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE! SOMEWHERE THERE MUST BE SUCH A GIRL!
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, T.H.! AND I'M THE GUY WHO KNOWS WHERE!

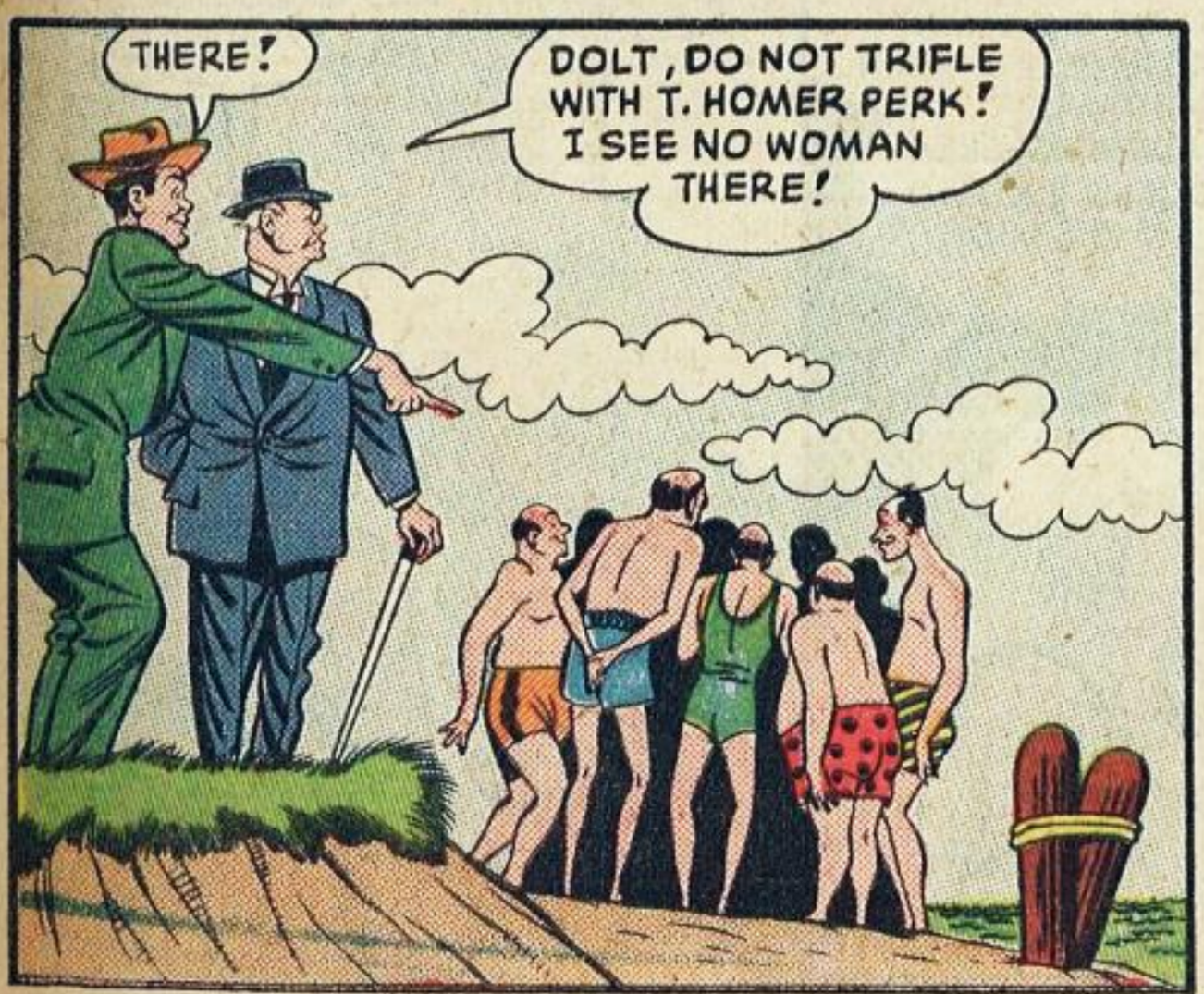
WHO ARE YOU?
ED TRACY IS THE NAME! NOW LOOK AT THIS!

IMPOSSIBLE! THERE IS NO WOMAN WHO LOOKS LIKE THAT ON THIS PLANET!
AN OBVIOUS HOAX---BUT DON'T TAKE IT AWAY YET!

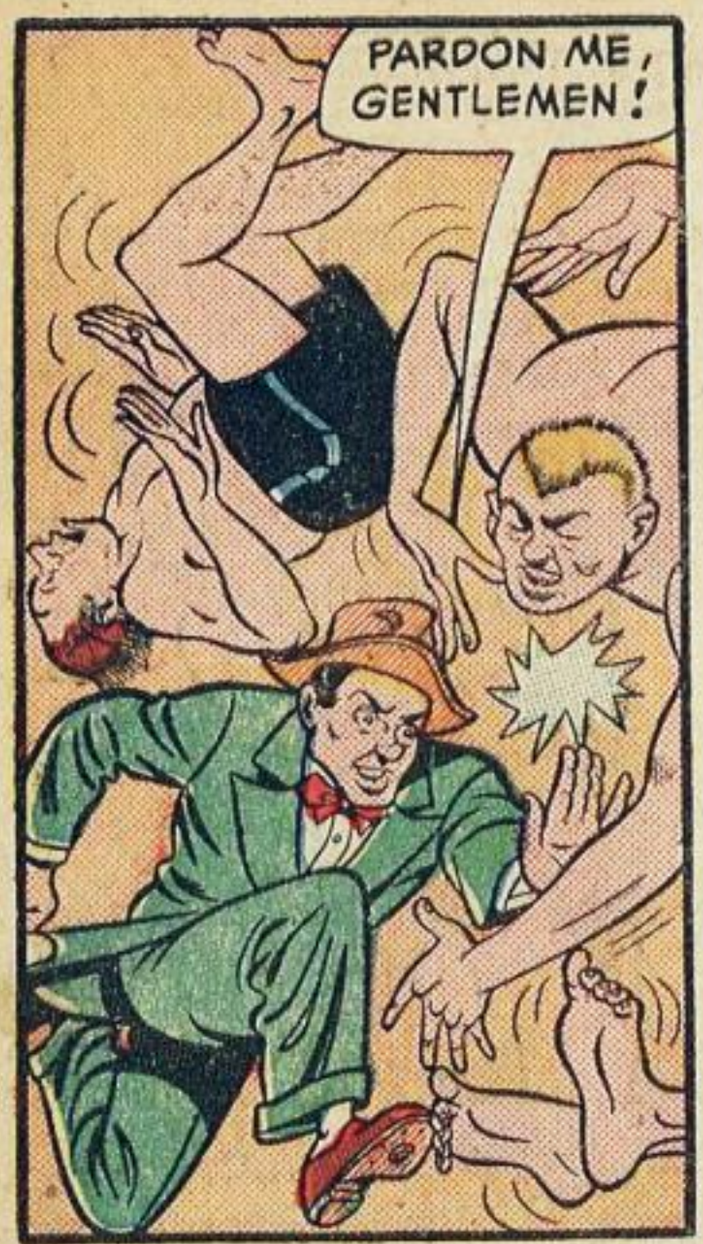
SIR, THAT MUST BE A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH! YOU'VE GIVEN IT THE HAIR OF HELEN OF TROY, THE BROW OF MONA LISA, THE EYES OF VENUS, THE NOSE OF DIANA, THE MOUTH OF A ROSEBUD---
STOP WHERE YOU ARE! I'LL SHOW YOU THE REST IN PERSON!


SO I'LL BE A DUPE, A FOOL, A SUCKER! DIDN'T PONCE DE LEON SEEK THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, DIDN'T JASON GO AFTER THE GOLDEN FLEECE, DOESN'T EVERYBODY CHASE A RAINBOW? AT LEAST THIS IS SOLID IF IT EXISTS!
IT ALSO LIVES AND BREATHES ---AND THERE'S A HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN POUNDS OF IT!

HERE WE ARE!
DON'T BE IRRELEVANT! WHERE'S THIS FEMALE VISION?

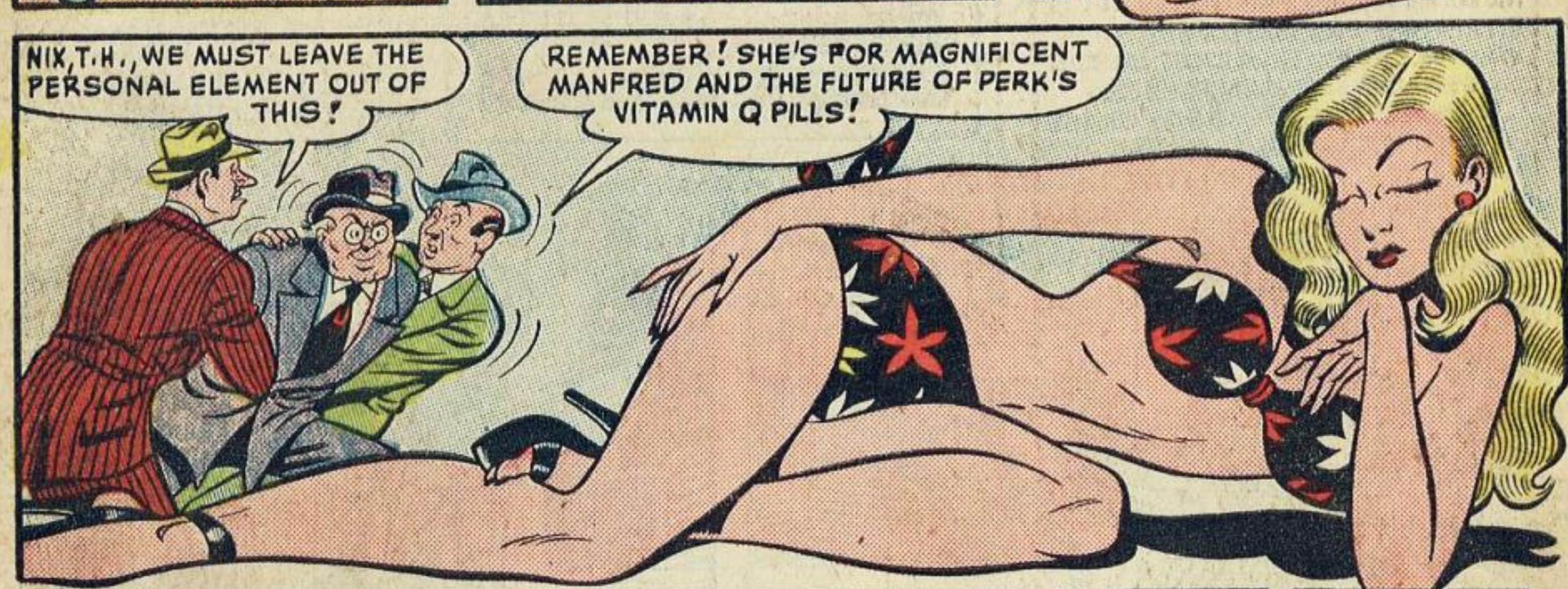

THERE!
DOLT, DO NOT TRIFLE WITH T. HOMER PERK! I SEE NO WOMAN THERE!

NATCH! BUT YOU GET TO KNOW THE SIGNS WHEN TORCHY TODD IS AROUND! HERE'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET NEAR HER!


PARDON ME, GENTLEMEN!

IT JUST WOULDN'T BE RIGHT TO ACCEPT THESE THINGS, BOYS, BUT I APPRECIATE THE SWEET THOUGHTS THEY REPRESENT!
OH, IT'S YOU, ED! WELL, ANYWAY, YOU LET SOME AIR IN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER, T.H.?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS YOU EXPECT ME TO THINK? I MUST GET CLOSER TO SEE IF SHE'S REAL!


NIX, T.H., WE MUST LEAVE THE PERSONAL ELEMENT OUT OF THIS!
REMEMBER! SHE'S FOR MAGNIFICENT MANFRED AND THE FUTURE OF PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS!

THE SACRIFICES I MAKE FOR THE GOOD OF THE FIRM! AND WHAT DOES IT GET ME---A MEASLY TEN MILLION A YEAR, MOSTLY TAXABLE!
MISS TODD, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS MARRIED!

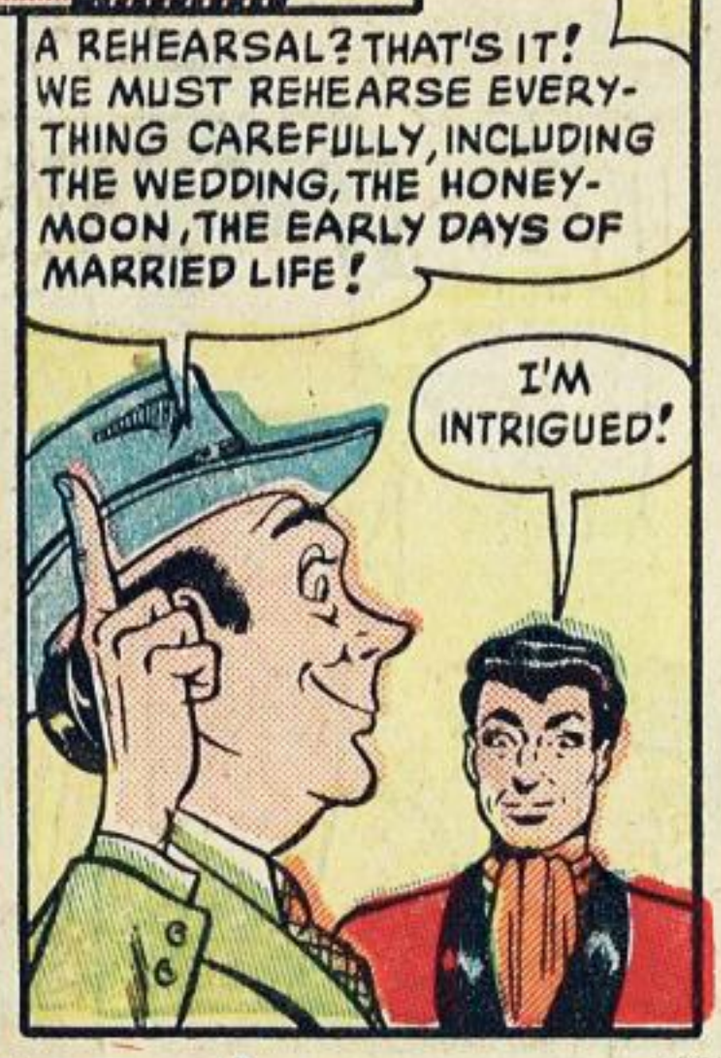
I AM? BUT I WASN'T EVEN ENGAGED!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHEN A GIRL IS OFFERED MAGNIFICENT MANFRED, THE PERK'S VITAMIN Q BOY, AS A HUSBAND, SHE DOESN'T STAND ON CEREMONY!

SHE CERTAINLY DOESN'T! LEAD ME TO HIM!
TORCHY, IT ISN'T GOOD MANNERS TO BE SO EAGER!

IN A LITTLE WHILE---
MANFRED--- YOUR MATE!
OH, WOE! I CAN'T LOOK!

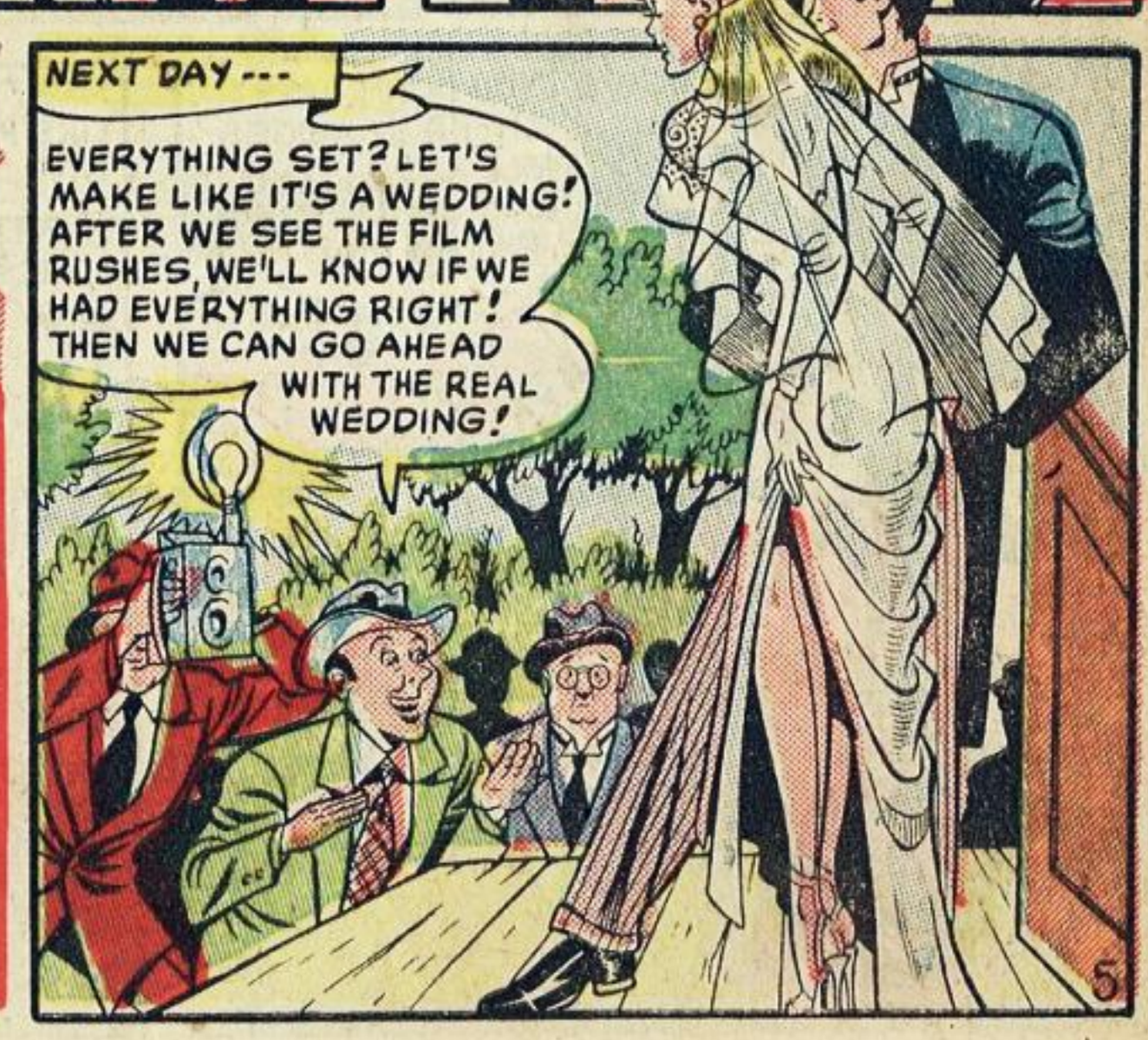
OF THIS I HAVE DREAMED FOR THIS I HAVE LIVED! KISS ME, MY BRIDE!
YES! YES!

NO! NO! ANYTHING YOU TWO DO MUST DO SOME GOOD FOR PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS! WAIT TILL THE CAMERAMEN GET HERE!
GOODNESS, CAN'T WE HAVE A REHEARSAL?


A REHEARSAL? THAT'S IT! WE MUST REHEARSE EVERYTHING CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE WEDDING, THE HONEYMOON, THE EARLY DAYS OF MARRIED LIFE!
I'M INTRIGUED!

TOMORROW WE START REHEARSALS!
HOW'LL I GET THROUGH THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS?

TESS, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO REALLY BE KISSED BY A MAN YOU LOVE?
I WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT A MAN, TORCHY! I GOT STUCK WITH ED A LONG TIME AGO!


NEXT DAY ---
EVERYTHING SET? LET'S MAKE LIKE IT'S A WEDDING! AFTER WE SEE THE FILM RUSHES, WE'LL KNOW IF WE HAD EVERYTHING RIGHT! THEN WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE REAL WEDDING!

AND SO BLAH---BLAH---
I PRONOUNCE YOU---BLAH---
BLAH---

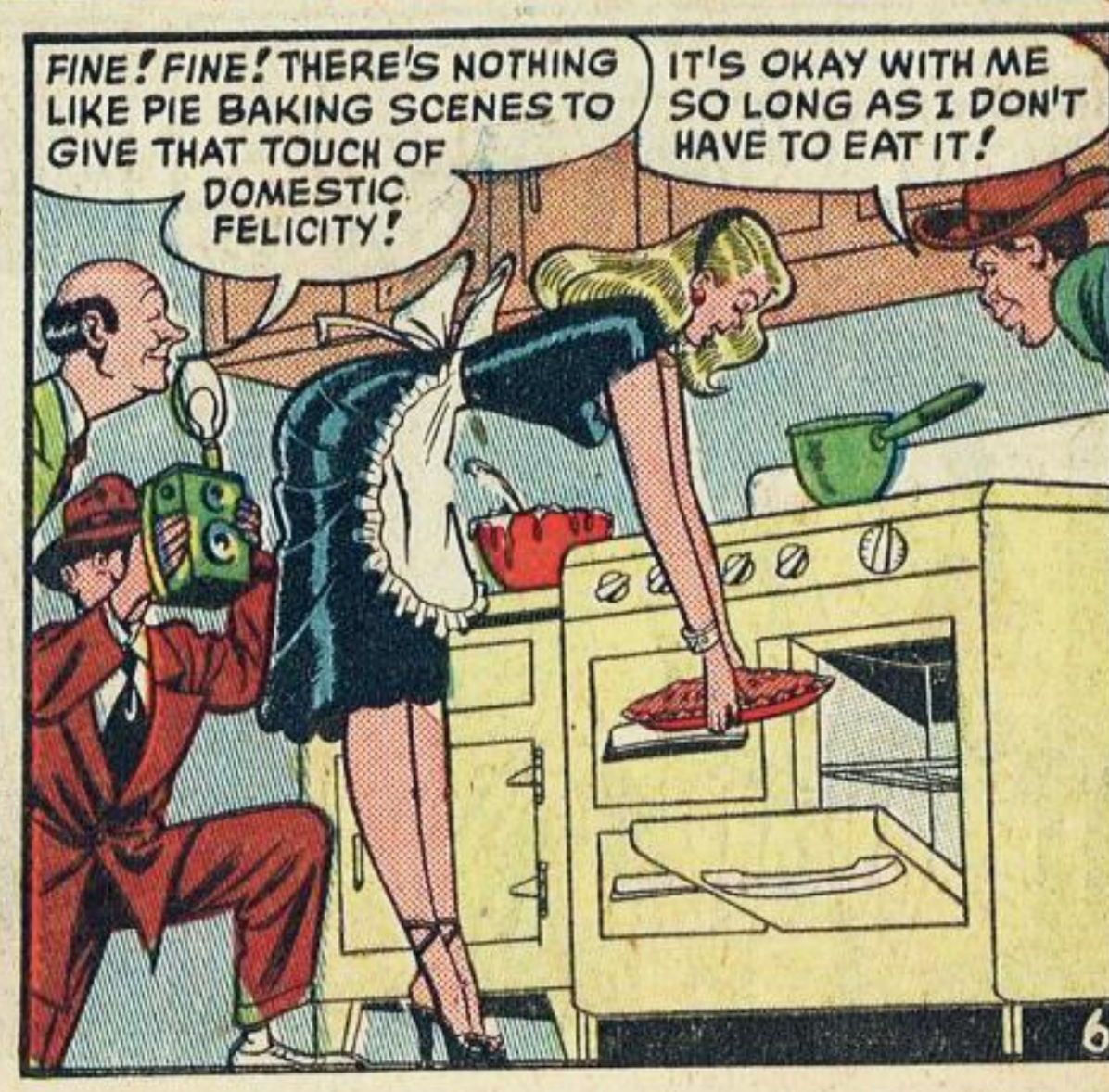
IT LOOKS FINE! THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS! LET'S GET ON WITH THE HONEYMOON REHEARSAL!

YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR A MAN AND HIS WIFE TO BE ALONE ON THEIR HONEYMOON?
HE'S GOT US THERE!

NO, HE HASN'T! WE'LL JUST SKIP IT!
I'M BEING ROBBED!

AH, HAPPINESS! AT LEAST SHE DOESN'T BELONG TO HIM WHOLLY YET!
LET'S GO! WE'LL TAKE PICTURES OF THE EARLY DAYS AT HOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST MAGNIFICENT COUPLE!

OH, TESS, WHAT'LL I DO NOW? I DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT PLEASING A HUSBAND!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! BUT THESE MUGGS WILL PROBABLY EXPECT YOU TO BAKE A PIE!


FINE! FINE! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE PIE BAKING SCENES TO GIVE THAT TOUCH OF DOMESTIC FELICITY!
IT'S OKAY WITH ME SO LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS, NOW FOR SOME PICTURES OF THE DEVOTED WIFE MAKING HER HUSBAND HAPPY AT HOME! GET THE PITCH? EAT PERA'S VITAMIN Q PILLS REGULARLY AND YOU'LL BE THE PERFECT WIFE FOR THE PERFECT HUSBAND!

THAT'S THE IDEA! A MAN LIKES TO WEAR CARPET SLIPPERS AT HOME!

GOSH! AN AWFUL LOT OF HIS LEGS SEEM TO DISAPPEAR INTO THESE SHOES!

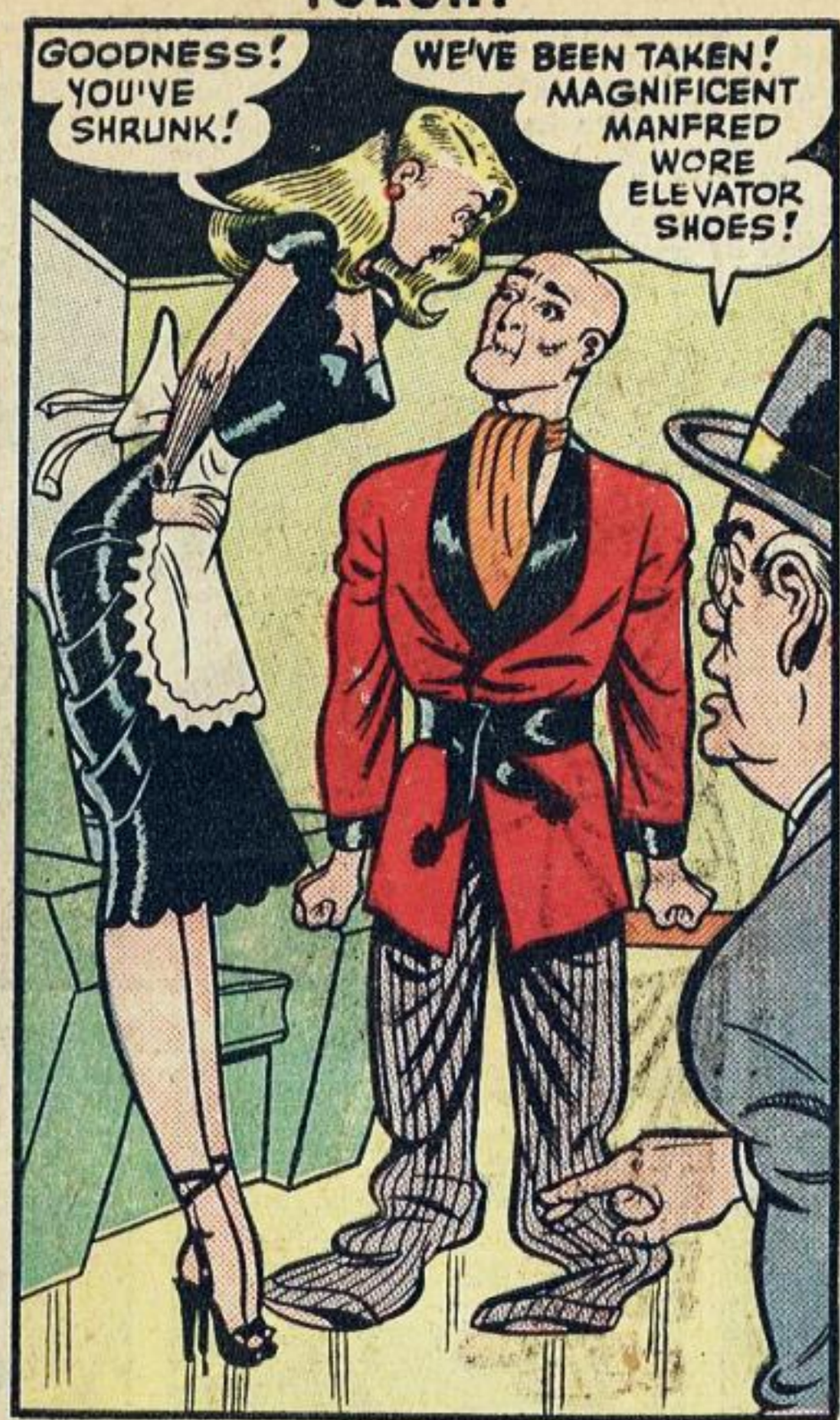
NOW LOWER THE LAMP SO YOUR DARLING HUSBAND WILL HAVE BETTER LIGHT!

SPLENDID! NOW GIVE HIM A PIECE OF THAT PIE!

AWRK! MRMPF! I'M STUCK IN IT!

ULP!

YIPE!
THE PHONY WEARS A TOUPEE!


GOODNESS! YOU'VE SHRUNK!
WE'VE BEEN TAKEN! MAGNIFICENT MANFRED WORE ELEVATOR SHOES!

YOU FRAUD! YOU WORE A TOUPEE, FALSE TEETH, ELEVATOR SHOES! YOU WEREN'T EVEN SLIGHTLY MAGNIFICENT!
OH! AND I ALMOST MARRIED HIM!

WHAT'LL WE DO NOW? WE'VE SPENT MILLIONS BUILDING UP MAGNIFICENT MANFRED AND NOW WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT HIM!
TSK! TSK! I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU ALL--- BUT A GUY'S GOTTA MAKE A LIVING SOMEHOW!

WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?
I'VE GOT IT! WE'LL START A NEW PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN! WE'LL TELL THE WORLD ONCE WE FOUND TORCHY, WE DECIDED EVEN MAGNIFICENT MANFRED WASN'T MAGNIFICENT ENOUGH FOR HER!

WE'LL START A NEW SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT MATE FOR TERRIFIC TORCHY!
A SENSATIONAL IDEA! AND YOU CAN START THE NEW COUPLE OUT... WHEN YOU FIND THE OTHER HALF---WITH TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, RATHER THAN ONE!

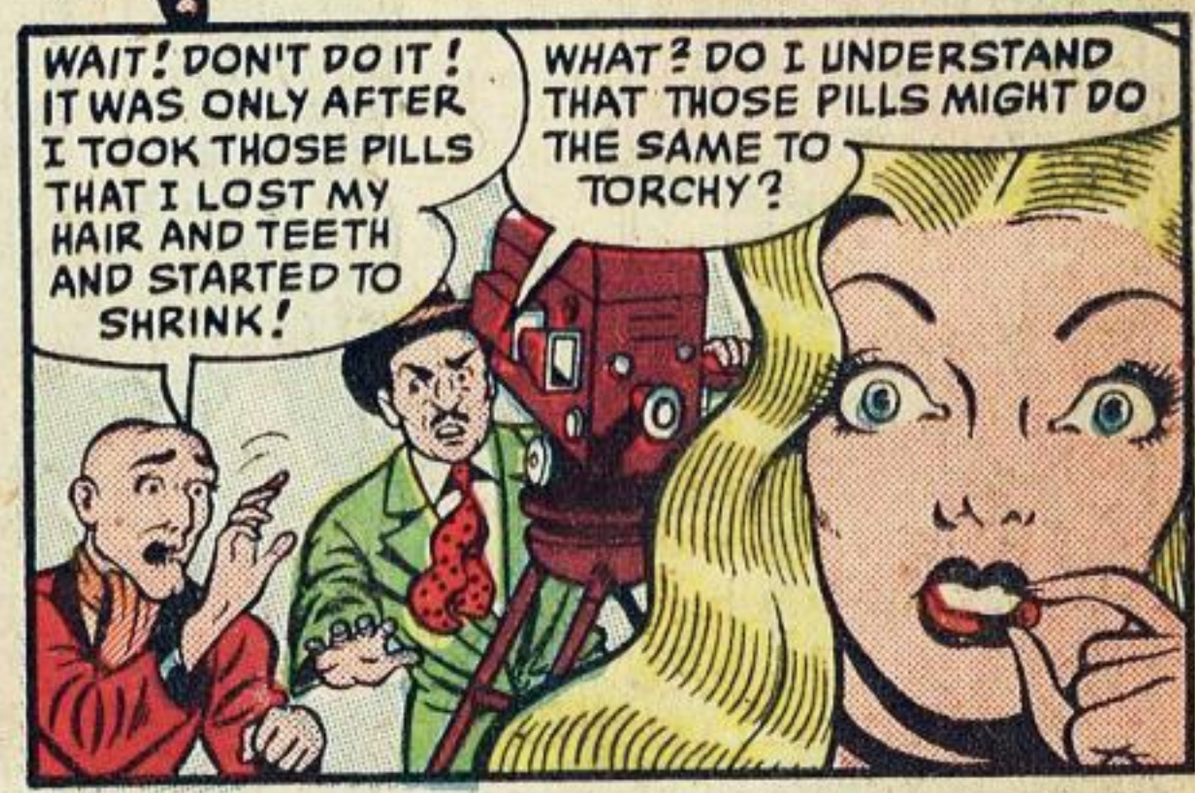
NO GOOD'LL COME OF IT, TORCHY! LET'S GO HOME!
DON'T LISTEN TO HER, TORCHY! TESS IS ALWAYS PESSIMISTIC!

THE FIRST STEP IS FOR TORCHY TO BE SEEN IN ALL SORTS OF PUBLIC PLACES EATING PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS!
BUT I HATE PILLS!

YOU'LL LIKE THESE! THEY'RE SO ROUND, SO FIRM, SO FULL OF BENEFICIAL STUFF!
DO YOU EAT THEM?

Y'THINK I'M CRAZY? WHATEVER YOU'VE ALREADY GOT, THESE PILLS GIVE YOU MORE OF SAME! I'VE GOT A KNACK FOR ACCUMULATING WEALTH! WANT ME TO OWN THE WHOLE WORLD? IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR!
OH?

FIRST SHOT WILL SHOW TORCHY TODD TAKING SOME OF PERK'S VITAMIN Q PILLS BEFORE ENTERING THE PENGUIN CLUB! GET IT? TAKE VITAMIN Q AND CURE YOUR HANGOVERS IN ADVANCE!
Penguin Club


WAIT! DON'T DO IT! IT WAS ONLY AFTER I TOOK THOSE PILLS THAT I LOST MY HAIR AND TEETH AND STARTED TO SHRINK!
WHAT? DO I UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE PILLS MIGHT DO THE SAME TO TORCHY?

LET'S TEACH THESE THIEVES, THESE WOULD-BE DESTROYERS OF BEAUTY!
HEH! HEH!

DO ME OUT OF THE CHANCE TO MAKE A FAST BUCK, WILL THEY?
BUT, TESS, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE CHARGE IS TRUE!
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, ED TRACY! IN EITHER CASE TORCHY WILL ONLY GET INTO MORE TROUBLE!

TESS AND ED

ED TRACY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE THIS TIME OF THE DAY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT *LOOKING FOR A JOB!*
WHAT? AND JEOPARDIZE MY *UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE?*

YOU'RE THE LAZIEST MAN I KNOW! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT *SPONGING* ON PEOPLE?

SPEAKING OF SPONGING--I'M AS HUNGRY AS A BEAR! WHAT'S *BUBBLING* IN THE KITCHEN?
THE WEEK'S WASH! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT SERVED?

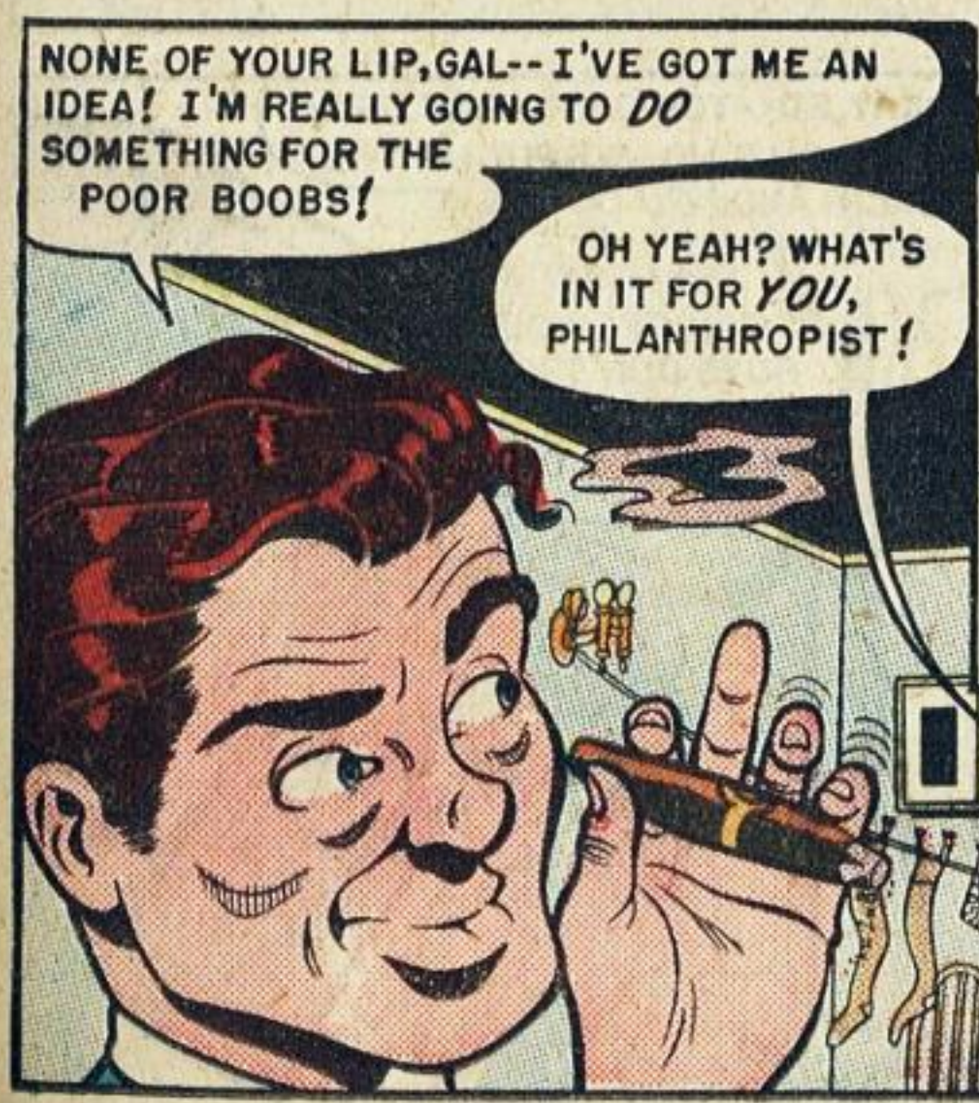
GRAB A MAGAZINE WHILE I FINISH UP IN HERE, ED! IF THE WORDS ARE TOO HARD, YOU CAN LOOK AT THE PICTURES!
TAKE YOUR TIME, TESS--I'M LOOKING AT ONE RIGHT NOW! AND IS SHE A HONEY!

HOW COME YOU DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT WHEN I'M WEARING A BATHING SUIT?
ON YOU, TESS..IT DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD!
The Body Beautiful
GRACE AND CHARM IN L'ECOLE DE DANSANT

I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU A MINUTE! COME IN HERE AND HELP MOMMA ROLL UP THE LAUNDRY!
ME DO LAUNDRY? THAT'S WOMEN'S WORK!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN--WOMEN'S WORK? I SEE PLENTY OF MEN TAKING THE WASH INTO THOSE LAUNDERETTES EVERY NIGHT!
OH, THOSE GUYS ARE MARRIED, POOR SLAVES!

I FEEL SORRY FOR THOSE POOR SAPS SWEATING OVER A HOT WASHING MACHINE! GOSH! THAT TOUCHES MY SOFT SPOT!
WHERE? ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD?


NONE OF YOUR LIP, GAL--I'VE GOT ME AN IDEA! I'M REALLY GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE POOR BOOBS!
OH YEAH? WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU, PHILANTHROPIST!

NOW, YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN THAT, TESS! ALL I WANT OUTA THE DEAL IS EXPENSES--AND MAYBE AN EXTRA BUCK OR TWO!

I CAN SEE IT NOW! I'LL CALL IT CAFE LAUNDERETTE! SOFT LIGHTS--SOFT DRINKS--SOFT MUSIC---
YES!--AND ED TRACY DOING A SOFT SHOE ROUTINE FROM ONE WASHING MACHINE TO THE NEXT!

PUT ON YOUR GLAD RAGS! WE GOTTA DIG UP SOME CAPITAL!
OH, GOODY! WHERE'VE YOU GOT IT BURIED?

SOON...
IS THIS THE SHORT CUT TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE?
WELL, NOT EXACTLY, HONEY-- THE MEN WE'RE GOING TO SEE USUALLY DO THEIR BUSINESS AT THE CURB!
TESS PARKER, SAY HELLO TO MY FRIENDS VIRGIL AND JACKSON!
PLEASED T'MEET YA, TESSIE-- ANY FRIEND OF ED'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE!
'SPECIALLY WHEN SHE LOOKS LIKE YOU!

POOL PARLOR
WELL, IF IT AIN'T OUR OLD PAL, ED TRACY!
WHO'S THE SKIRT, TRACY? NOT BAD!

THIS ISN'T A SOCIAL CALL, BOYS! WE CAME HERE TO DISCUSS A BIG DEAL-- AN IDEA THAT'LL WOW EVERYBODY!
GIVE OUT, TRACY! I'M ALL EARS!

...SO YOU SEE, WE CAN'T MISS! ALL WE NEED IS A FEW MEASLY GREENBACKS TO PUT IT ACROSS!

OKAY, ED--YOU CAN COUNT US IN! LIKE YOU SAID--WE PUT UP THE DOUGH AND YOU DO THE WORK!
TSK! TSK! I CAN SEE YOU BOYS DON'T KNOW ED TRACY AS WELL AS I DO!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER...
WHEW! I'M BUSHED---
YES, IT MUST BE QUITE A STRAIN WATCHING US WORK SO HARD ALL THESE DAYS!

OPEN UP! LET US IN!
WELL I GUESS WE'RE ALL SET! AT YOUR STATIONS, EVERYONE!
WAIT'LL I POWDER MY NOSE!

COME AND GLURP GET IT!

HERE, JACKSON-- THROW THIS LAUNDRY INTO A MACHINE!
HEY, MISS TESS! WHAT KIND OF SUDS DOES THIS TAKE? LUKE-WARM OR HEAVY?

HOW ABOUT THIS DANCE, MISTER?
DELIGHTED, MADAME!

THIS THING AIN'T TURNIN' OUT THE WAY WE PLANNED, JACKSON!
IT SURE AIN'T, VIRGIL!

WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GUY TRACY!
YEAH! HE'S MUSCLING IN ON ALL THE PRETTY GIRLS!

SCRAM, BUD! CAN'T YA SEE IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE?
YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO CUT IN? THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE!

SAY, I AIN'T GOT NO PARTNER!
OKAY, JACKSON-- YOU TAKE THAT BROOM--
HA! HA! DON'T LET IT SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET!

A WISE GUY, EH? I'LL SWEEP IT OFF YOUR HEAD!
UGH!

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
YEAH! THE PARTY WAS GETTING DULL!
HERE'S SUDS IN YER EYE!
EEEE!

THIS IS GETTING RUGGED! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE-- BUT FAST!

IS THAT SO! WELL, ED TRACY, THIS IS ONE TIME YOU'RE NOT GONNA RUN OUT AND LEAVE ME HOLDING THE BAG!
OH, OH! TESS!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
BREAK IT UP! YOU'RE DISTURBING THE PEACE!

BEAT IT, JACKSON-- IT'S THE COPS!

HEY! AIN'T THAT SCREW TOP JACKSON? HE'S WANTED IN TEN STATES!
YEAH! AND THAT'S BIG-EARED VIRGIL WITH HIM! C'MON!

C'MON, FELLAS-- AFTER THEM!

TOO BAD YOU HAD TO LEAVE SO SOON! THE PARTY WAS JUST WARMING UP!
DON'T FORGET YOUR CLEAN LAUNDRY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

OKAY, ED-- IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE THE BROOM NOW!
ALL RIGHT-- I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED!

SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S EASIER TO GO OUT AND GET A JOB!
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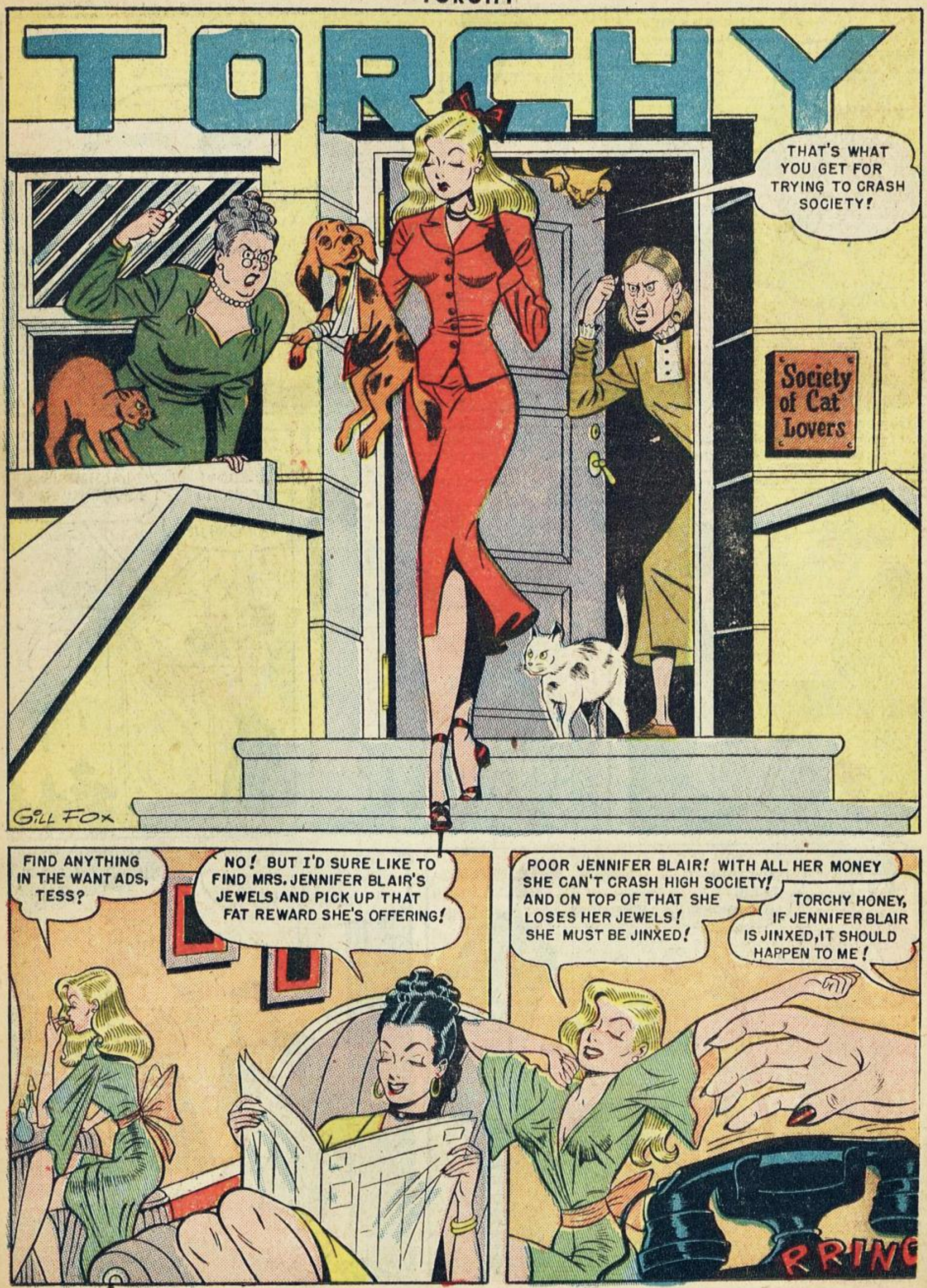

TORCHY
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO CRASH SOCIETY!
Society of Cat Lovers
GILL FOX
FIND ANYTHING IN THE WANT ADS, TESS?
NO! BUT I'D SURE LIKE TO FIND MRS. JENNIFER BLAIR'S JEWELS AND PICK UP THAT FAT REWARD SHE'S OFFERING!
POOR JENNIFER BLAIR! WITH ALL HER MONEY SHE CAN'T CRASH HIGH SOCIETY! AND ON TOP OF THAT SHE LOSES HER JEWELS! SHE MUST BE JINXED!
TORCHY HONEY, IF JENNIFER BLAIR IS JINXED, IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME!
RRING

HI, TESS! THIS IS ED! I WANGLED AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU AND TORCHY WITH A BIG PERSONNEL DIRECTOR! IT'LL BE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!
SEEMS TO ME WE'VE BEEN PALSY-WALSY WITH OPPORTUNITY BEFORE, ONLY TO PART COMPANY FAST!

THIS TIME IT'LL BE DIFFERENT, TESS! JUST MEET ME IN FRONT OF THE WESTLEY BUILDING... AND WE START MOVING IN THE RIGHT CIRCLES!
I'M SURE WE'LL MOVE IN CIRCLES... BUT WE'LL MEET YOU!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
I HOPE I HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO PLEASE THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR!
TOO BAD THE POOCH ISN'T THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR! YOU HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO PLEASE HIM!

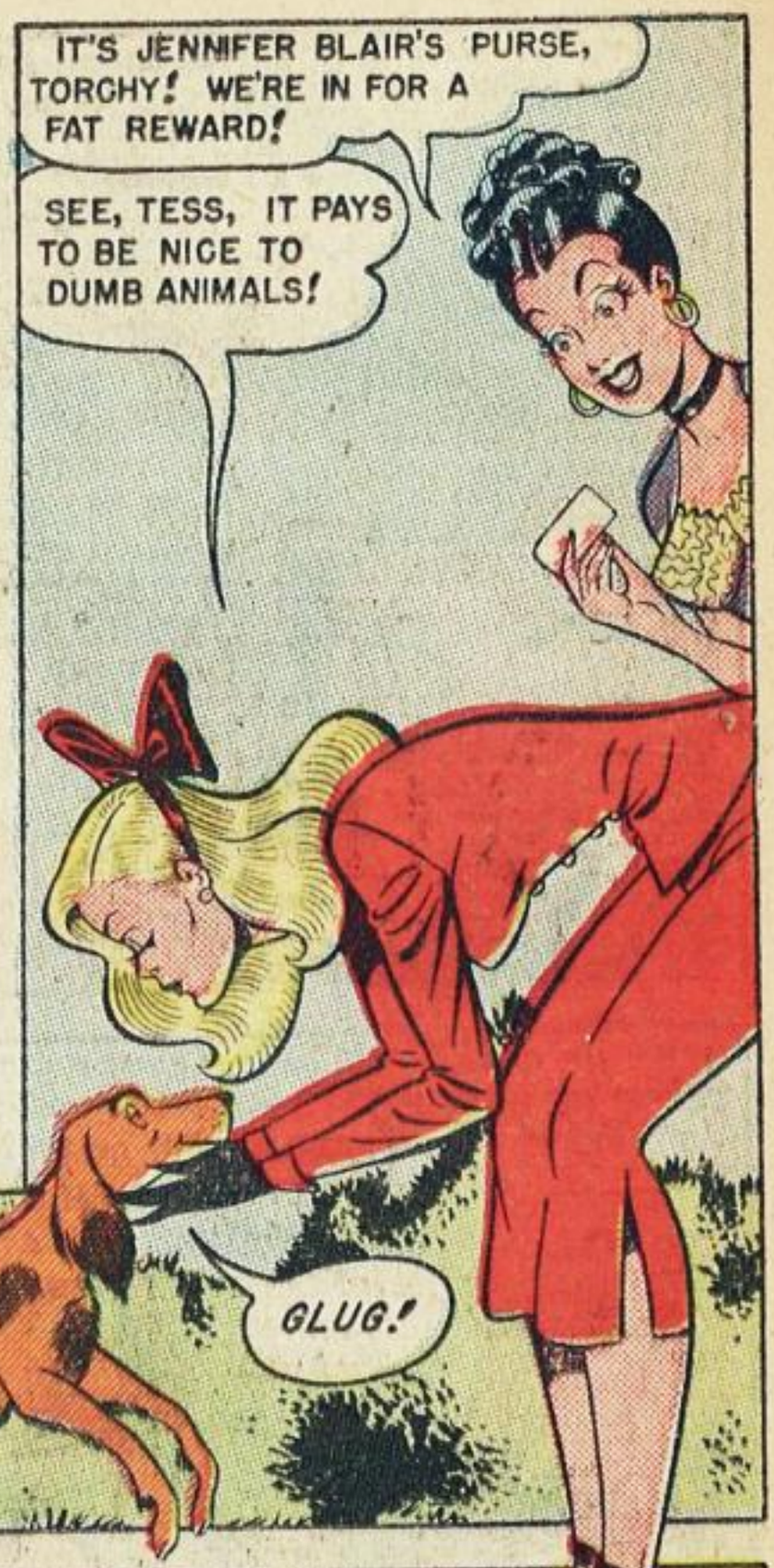
ISN'T HE CUTE, TESS? HE WANTS TO PLAY!
HE'D BETTER FIND HIMSELF ANOTHER PLAYMATE! WE HAVE TO FIND OURSELVES A JOB!

THE POOR POOCH WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE FINDS WE'VE GONE!
WE'LL BE MORE DISAPPOINTED IF THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR IS GONE!

OH, LOOK, TESS! ISN'T HE CLEVER?
LOOKS LIKE A CLEVER PICK-POCKET TO ME!

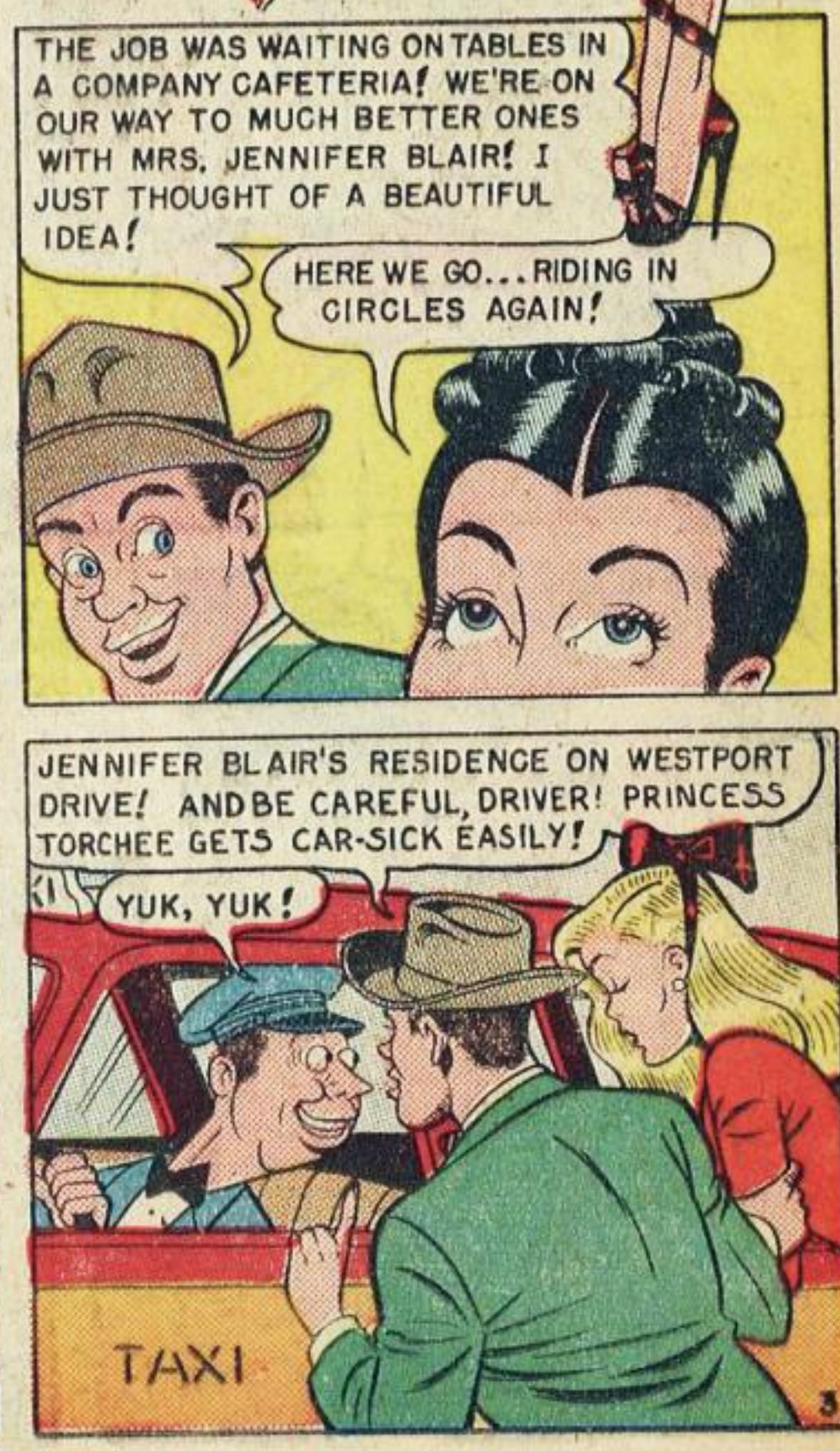
WHERE COULD HE HAVE GOT THIS? THERE'S NO ONE AROUND!
WHICH MAKES POOCHIE A MAGICIAN IN ADDITION TO A PICK-POCKET!

MAYBE THERE'S IDENTIFICATION ...OH!
IDENTIFICATION LIKE THAT CAN LEAD TO TROUBLE IF IT'S IN THE WRONG HANDS!...HERE'S A CARD!


IT'S JENNIFER BLAIR'S PURSE, TORCHY! WE'RE IN FOR A FAT REWARD!
SEE, TESS, IT PAYS TO BE NICE TO DUMB ANIMALS!
GLUG!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
HI, KIDS! WHERE DID YOU PICK UP YOUR LITTLE FRIEND?
WE PICKED HIM UP IN THE PARK, AND TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE, THE POOCH PICKED UP JENNIFER BLAIR'S JEWELS FOR US!
TAKE A LOOK, ED!

KIDS, GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY IS SMILING AT US! HEY, TAXI!
ER...WHAT ABOUT OUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR?
TAXI


THE JOB WAS WAITING ON TABLES IN A COMPANY CAFETERIA! WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO MUCH BETTER ONES WITH MRS. JENNIFER BLAIR! I JUST THOUGHT OF A BEAUTIFUL IDEA!
HERE WE GO...RIDING IN CIRCLES AGAIN!
JENNIFER BLAIR'S RESIDENCE ON WESTPORT DRIVE! AND BE CAREFUL, DRIVER! PRINCESS TORCHEE GETS CAR-SICK EASILY!
YUK, YUK!
TAXI

WHY DID YOU CALL ME PRINCESS TORCHEE?
THAT'S YOUR NEW JOB...BEING PRINCESS TORCHEE...THE FUGITIVE PRINCESS!
METHINKS ED IS A FUGITIVE FROM A BUG-HOUSE!

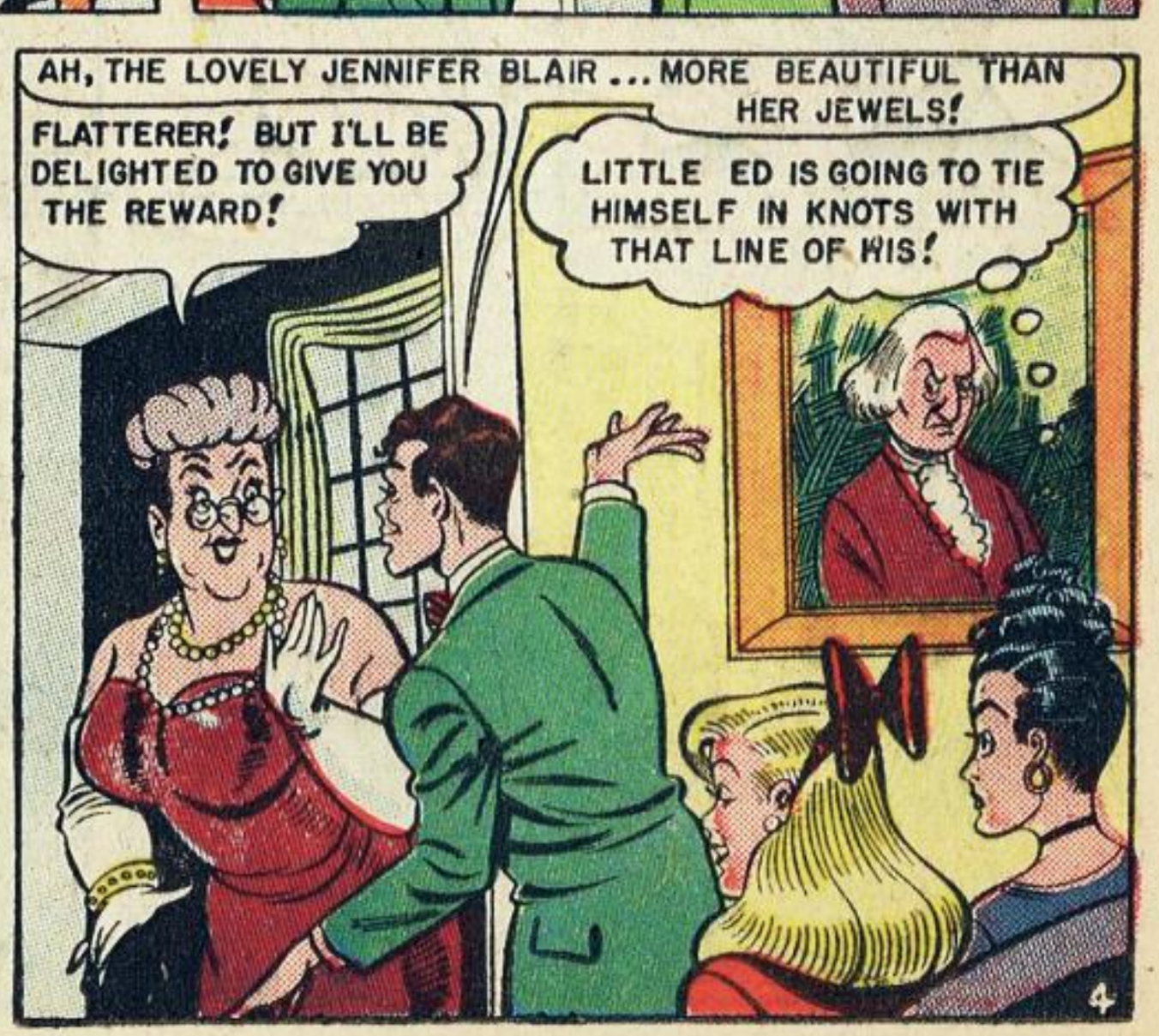
BUT WHY?
SO YOU CAN HELP JENNIFER BLAIR CRASH HIGH SOCIETY! THAT'S WHAT THE OLD GIRL WANTS MOST IN LIFE!

TESS WILL BE LADY TESS...PRINCESS TORCHEE'S LADY IN WAITING!
AND WHAT WILL YOU BE, LITTLE CHUM? PRINCE CHARMING ON HIS BAD DAY?
TAXI

I'M GOING TO BE JENNIFER BLAIR'S PUBLICITY AGENT! I'LL SEE THAT THE NEWS GETS AROUND THAT JENNIE IS HOB-NOBBING WITH ROYALTY, AND HIGH SOCIETY WILL BE BANGING ON HER DOOR!

HI, PALLY! WILL YOU TELL JENNIE THAT LADY LUCK IS AT HER DOOR?
MADAME IS INDISPOSED!

SHE'LL BE DISPOSED WHEN YOU TELL HER WE HAVE HER JEWELS!
YES, SIR!
AND TELL HER TO BRING ALONG THE REWARD!


AH, THE LOVELY JENNIFER BLAIR ... MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN HER JEWELS!
FLATTERER! BUT I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE YOU THE REWARD!
LITTLE ED IS GOING TO TIE HIMSELF IN KNOTS WITH THAT LINE OF HIS!

WE CAN'T ACCEPT A REWARD, MRS. BLAIR! WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!
HUH?

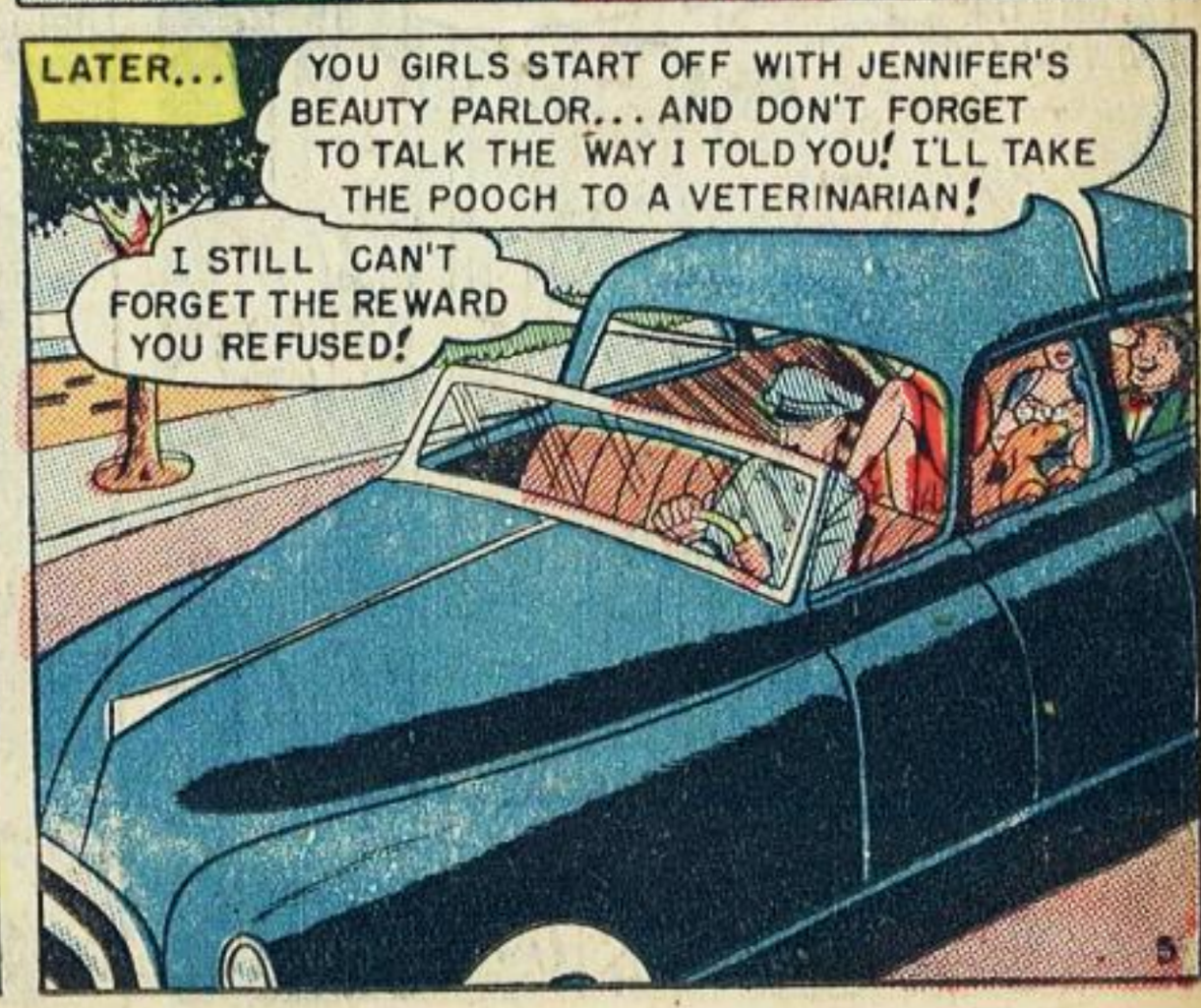
WE WANT TO HELP YOU CRASH HIGH SOCIETY... AND TO SHOW OUR GOOD FAITH, WE'RE REFUSING THE REWARD!
BUT HIGH SOCIETY WON'T ACCEPT ME, MY DEAH!

THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN! AS YOUR PUBLICITY MAN, I CAN ARRANGE IT!
I'D LIKE TO ARRANGE A NOOSE AROUND HIS NECK FOR REFUSING THAT REWARD!

ALL YOU DO IS PUT US ON YOUR PAYROLL! MY FRIENDS MOVE IN HERE AS YOUR GUESTS AND POSE AS ROYALTY... PRINCESS TORCHEE AND LADY TESS ... AND IN TWO SHAKES HIGH SOCIETY WILL BE PARKING ON YOUR DOORSTEP!
IT MIGHT WORK!

WE'LL NEED AN UNLIMITED EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO BUY WARDROBES FOR THE GIRLS AND MYSELF...
I HAVE CHARGE ACCOUNTS AT ALL OF THE BEST STORES! I'LL HAVE MY SECRETARY CALL UP AND AUTHORIZE ALL PURCHASES YOU MAKE IN MY NAME!

AND WE'LL NEED YOUR LIMOUSINE...WITH CHAUFFEUR!
MY DEAH BOY, IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY TO REALIZE MY DREAM!


LATER...
YOU GIRLS START OFF WITH JENNIFER'S BEAUTY PARLOR... AND DON'T FORGET TO TALK THE WAY I TOLD YOU! I'LL TAKE THE POOCH TO A VETERINARIAN!
I STILL CAN'T FORGET THE REWARD YOU REFUSED!

IT WAS KIND OF JENNIFER BLAIR TO SUGGEST THIS SALON, LADY TESS!

INDEED, YOUR HIGHNESS! AND IT WAS KIND OF HER TO ACCEPT THE FUGITIVE PRINCESS TORCHEE INTO HER HOME! I DO HOPE SHE RESPECTS THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TRAVELLING INCOGNITO!

ER... EXCUSE ME, YOUR HIGHNESS!

MRS. VANDERLOOK IN THE NEXT BOOTH WILL GIVE ME A BIG TIP WHEN I TELL HER THAT PRINCESS TORCHEE IS STAYING AT JENNIFER BLAIR'S!

...AND I HEARD HER SAY THAT THE PRINCESS IS STAYING AT JENNIFER BLAIR'S!

BLESS YOU, CHILD! I'LL HAVE TO CULTIVATE JENNIFER'S FRIENDSHIP!

MEANWHILE

OUR CREDIT MANAGER HAS CHECKED WITH MRS. BLAIR... AND SHE SAYS THAT AS PRINCESS TORCHEE'S EMISSARY, YOUR CREDIT IS UNLIMITED!

NATCH, CHUM! BUT KEEP IT QUIET ABOUT THE PRINCESS! SHE'S TRAVELLING INCOGNITO!

NOW HE'LL TELL EVERYBODY AND HIS BROTHER!

LATER...

YIPES! I WOULD NEVER KNOW THE POOCH!

CLOTHES MAKE THE DOG... AS WELL AS THE MAN!

AND THEN...

MRS. JENNIFER BLAIR'S CAR AWAITS, YOUR HIGHNESS!

ED SEEMS TO BE DRESSED FOR A WAKE OR A WEDDING! I HOPE IT ISN'T OUR FUNERAL!

I'M MRS. VANDERCOOK! I'D LIKE VERY MUCH TO MEET THE PRINCESS!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH JENNIFER BLAIR, MY GOOD WOMAN!

BEAUTY SALON

WHERE DOES THIS THREE-RING CIRCUS PLAY ITS NEXT STAND, ED?
AT GERGDORF-BOODMAN'S WHERE WE PICK OUT SOME SNAZZY DRESSES FOR TORCHY!

THE PRINCESS WILL TAKE THAT, FRIEND! CHARGE IT TO JENNIFER BLAIR'S ACCOUNT!
YES, SIR!
I'D LIKE CHARGE THE PRINCESS TO MY ACCOUNT!
STUNNING, YOUR HIGHNESS!... CHARGE IT, MY GOOD MAN... TO JENNIFER BLAIR!

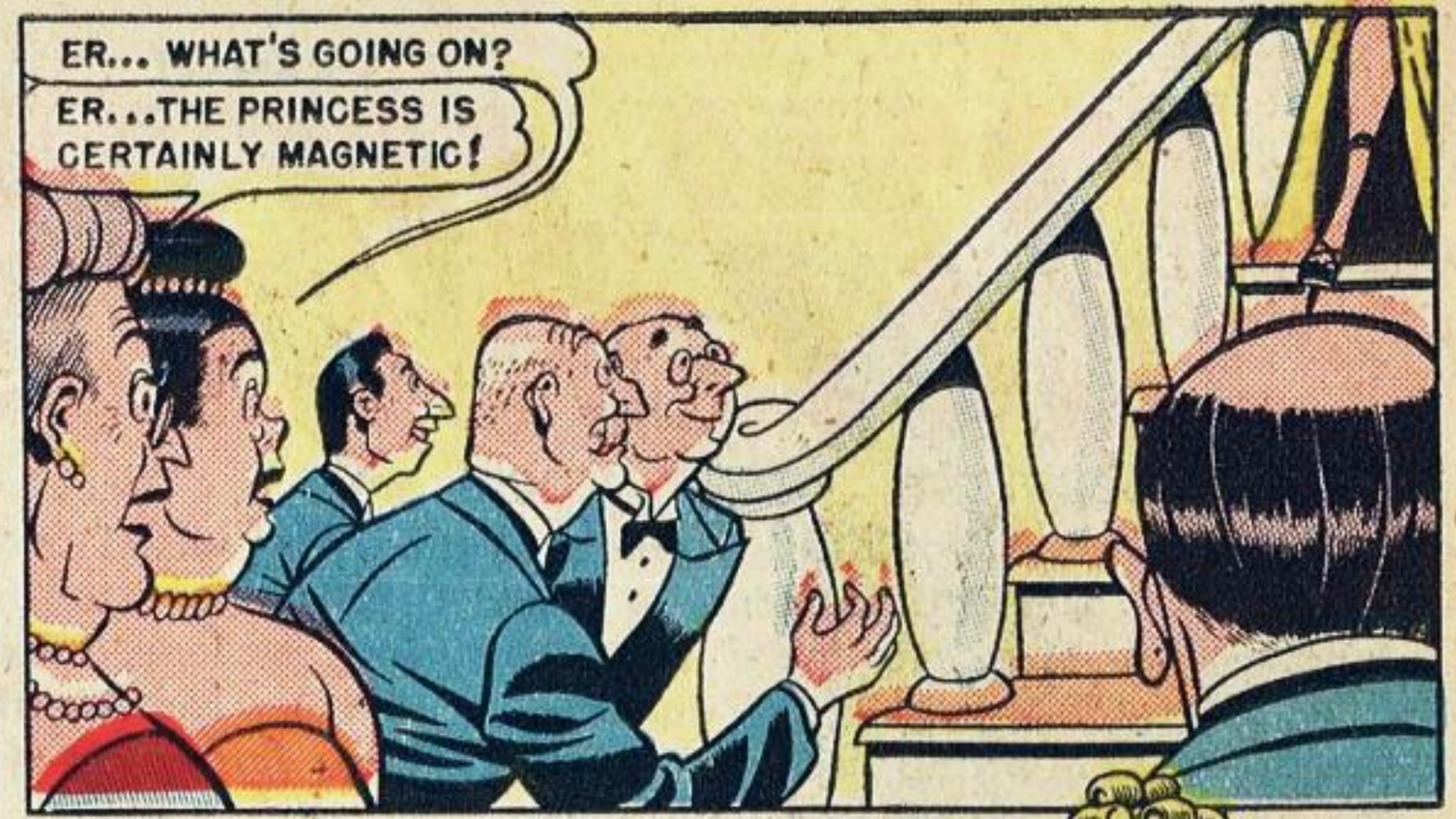
I'VE RECEIVED PHONE CALLS ALL AFTERNOON! PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T LOOK AT ME TWICE ARE NOW CLAMORING FOR AN INVITATION TO MY HOME!
YOU'VE JUST GOT TO KNOW HOW TO BAIT THE TRAP!
AND MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TRAP YOURSELF!

NOW WE SEND OUT ENGRAVED INVITATIONS TO A BIG PARTY YOU'RE THROWING FOR THE PRINCESS... AND YOU'LL BE PALSY-WALSY WITH HIGH SOCIETY!
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU FINE PEOPLE GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.

THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY...
WE MUST SEE MORE OF EACH OTHER, JENNIFER! ER... WHERE'S THE PRINCESS?
SHE'LL MAKE HER APPEARANCE PRESENTLY, MY DEAH!

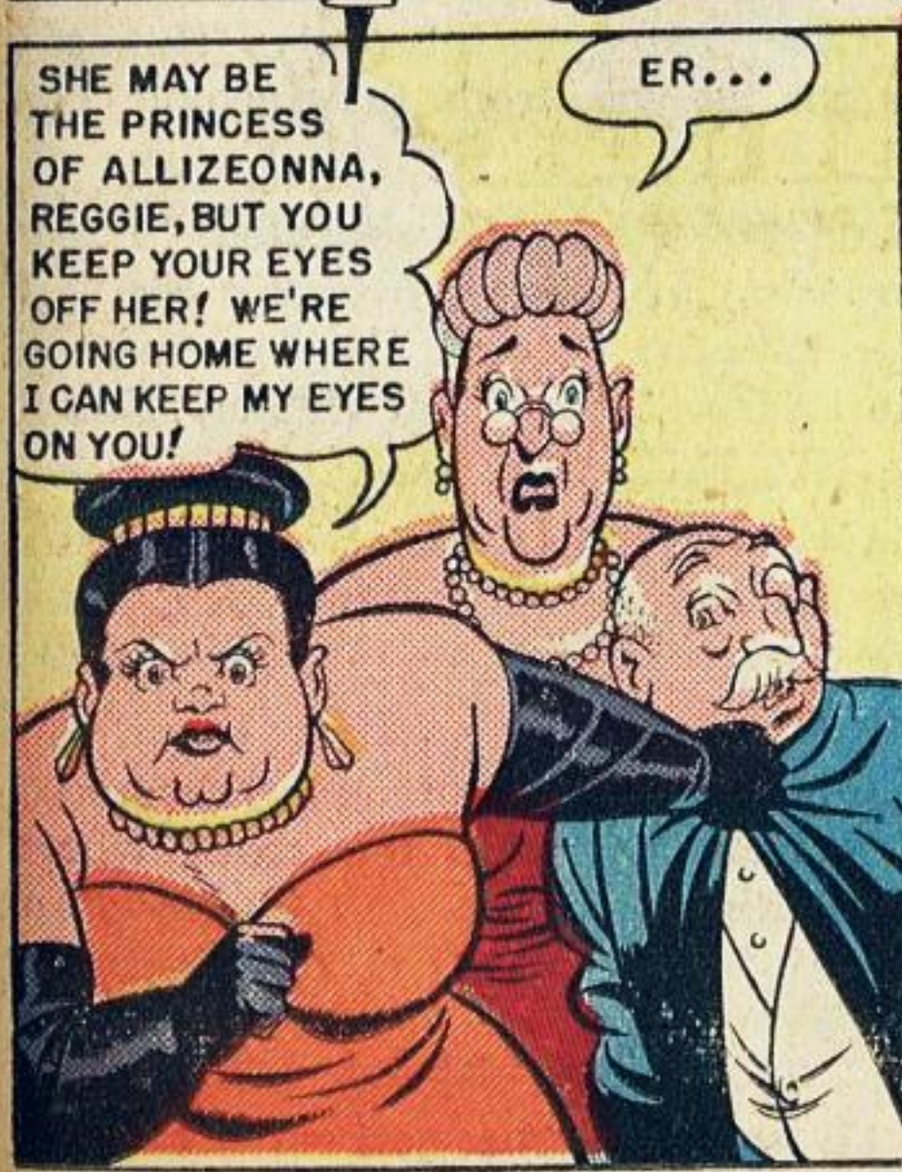
THE PRINCESS TORCHEE OF ALLIZEONNA!

OH!
LOOKS LIKE HALF OF HIGH SOCIETY IS ABOUT TO TAKE YOU TO ITS HEART!


ER... WHAT'S GOING ON?
ER...THE PRINCESS IS CERTAINLY MAGNETIC!

LET ME BE YOUR NUMBER ONE SLAVE-BOY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
ME FIRST, YOUR HIGHNESS!
ER...

SO YOU DELIBERATELY THREW THIS PARTY TO MAKE FOOLS OF US WOMEN AND BREAK UP OUR HOMES BY TAKING AWAY OUR MEN! JENNIFER BLAIR, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU NEVER CRASH HIGH SOCIETY!
OIK!


SHE MAY BE THE PRINCESS OF ALLIZEONNA, REGGIE, BUT YOU KEEP YOUR EYES OFF HER! WE'RE GOING HOME WHERE I CAN KEEP MY EYES ON YOU!
ER...

EVERYONE GONE! I'M RUINED!
DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD, MRS. BLAIR! WE'RE STILL WITH YOU...

BUT YOU WON'T BE WITH ME MUCH LONGER! GET OUT AND STAY OUT!
SHE SAID SHE'D GIVE US WHAT WE DESERVE, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D DESERVE THIS!
EDDIE, BOY! DO YOU THINK THOSE WAITRESS JOBS ARE STILL OPEN?

DIZZY HELPS OUT

MISS ERNESTINE "DIZZY" JONES put down the telephone with hands that shook a little. Her exquisite lips made a round O of wonder. Her blue eyes were wide. Her slim and sweetly-rounded figure quivered in its sheath of tight-fitting jersey. She said, "Oh, my goodness gracious!" in a faint voice.

Mr. Rathbone had often remarked that Dizzy Jones was by far the most ornamental stenographer he had ever hired. If she would only confine herself to notebook, typewriter and powder puff, the firm of Rathbone Products would undoubtedly prosper. But when Dizzy tried to muscle into the heavy-thinking department, something was liable to crack. Dizzy, forgetful of that comment, was thinking furiously. Unfortunately, Mr. Rathbone was out of the office and would not return for a matter of two or three hours. In that time, anything could happen.

What had happened was this telephone call. A gruff male voice had barked, "This is the Income Tax Bureau. Tell Mr. Rathbone I'm coming up to check some figures on his last tax return. There seems to be an error that needs straightening out."

Dizzy's mind went in dazed circles. She had heard Mr. Rathbone grumble about his Income Tax often enough. "The minute a man looks like he's made a nickel, they grab it in taxes. No wonder I can't ever get ahead."

She nodded grimly. "I guess we can fix that," she whispered. She jumped up, lifted her typewriter from the desk and staggered into the storeroom with it. The adding machine and the check-writer followed. When the outer door opened to admit a tall, business-like man with a briefcase, Dizzy sat at her bare desk, painfully writing a letter with pen and ink.

"Mr. Rathbone will be back soon," she told the visitor. "Won't you sit down and wait? Er . . . I'd sit on that box, if I were you. The chair is all broken. We just keep it here to look good."

The visitor looked startled and perched himself on the rickety box Dizzy had lugged from the storeroom. He watched her, scowling. "Excuse me, Miss, but don't you use a typewriter here?"

Dizzy smiled sadly. "We would if we could afford one, but business is terrible." She held up her slim wrist. "I haven't been paid for so long, I had to sell my watch. And right now, Mr. Rathbone and I are living on a bag of peanuts a day. We share it."

The visitor's eyes bulged. "Uh . . . how soon do you expect Mr. Rathbone back?"

Dizzy sighed. "It may take quite a while. You see, he hasn't any money for carfare so he has to walk miles and miles to see a prospect, and with the soles of his shoes stuffed with paper . . ."

The visitor got up. "That's tough, Miss. I guess maybe I'll be running along. I don't think I want to see him after all."

Dizzy's breath went out in a long gasp of relief. She tried not to show her joy. "That's too bad. I know he'd be glad to see you. He said just this morning he wished someone would come in so he could borrow fifty cents."

"Dizzy!" Mr. Rathbone thundered from the door. He strode over to pump the stranger's hand. "Tom, what a surprise. When did you get into town? How about dinner with me tonight?" He turned to the dazed girl. "Dizzy . . . Er, Miss Jones, this is Tom Baily, our biggest customer."

"Eeek!" Dizzy sat down abruptly. "But . . . but I thought he was from the Income Tax Bureau."

"Oh, that!" Mr. Rathbone chuckled. "I met them downstairs just now. I overpaid my last tax by four hundred dollars. They gave me a refund check. How about that dinner, Tom?"

The visitor swallowed audibly. "Well, I . . . I guess maybe you need a good dinner, Rath. But I insist on paying and I think Miss Jones better come, too. Her loyalty deserves something, I think."

Mr. Rathbone's face tightened. He stared narrow-eyed from Dizzy to the space where typewriter, adding machine and check-writer had been and then at the box on which his customer had been seated. He nodded grimly. "I think she deserves something, too. A little later on, I'll see that she gets it."

TORCHY

---AND I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS TOKEN OF OUR ESTEEM, FOR PROMOTING OUR *SAFETY FIRST CAMPAIGN!*

SOMBODY'S GETTING FLOWERS! MAYBE THEY'RE FOR YOU, TESS!
ARE YOU KIDDING? IF ED TRACY EVER SENT ME FLOWERS - IT WOULD BE FOR MY FUNERAL!
KNOCK KNOCK

GREETINGS, MY FAIR POSY---
WHY, ED -- YOU DARLING!

I MISJUDGED YOU, ED! WILL YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
SURE, TESS, YOU KNOW I NEVER HOLD A GRUDGE! ER- WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG?

LOOK, TESS - THOSE AREN'T--
LONG STEMMED AMERICAN BEAUTIES! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EXTRAVAGANT!
GEE! THEY MUST HAVE COST A MINT!

WELL, YOU KNOW ED TRACY, NOTHING'S TOO EXPENSIVE WHEN IT COMES TO PLEASING HIS LITTLE GIRL!

GIMME THAT, TORCHY! IT FELL OUT OF MY POCKET!
BUT, ED - IT'S ADDRESSED TO ME! SEE?

IT SAYS: "TO MY DARLING TORCHY - THE REAL AMERICAN BEAUTY, FROM ANONYMOUS!" THAT'S FUNNY, I DON'T KNOW ANY ONE WHOSE NAME IS ANONYMOUS!
I DON'T EITHER - BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHOSE NAME IS GOING TO BE MUD!

I TRIED TO TELL YOU, TESS! I'D LIKE TO BUY YOU FLOWERS, BUT I'M FLAT--- BUSTED—TEMPORARILY FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED!
WELL, IF THAT'S ALL THAT'S KEEPING YOU BACK---

MEET THE HELP WANTED PAGE! IT'S TIME YOU TWO GOT ACQUAINTED!
YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO TAKE A JOB? UGH THAT MEANS WORKING!

HERE'S A GOOD JOB FOR YOU, ED! THE PURPLE CAB COMPANY NEEDS A TAXI DRIVER! YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU'D BE DRIVING AROUND IN A BIG CAR ONE OF THESE DAYS!

YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR BOY FRIEND TO DRIVE PEOPLE AROUND ALL DAY FOR PAY, WOULD YOU, TESS?
WELL, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO DO IT FOR NOTHING!

COME ON, ED! LET'S BOTH GO TO THE PURPLE CAB COMPANY! I'LL GIVE YOU MORAL SUPPORT!
WHAT I NEED IS FINANCIAL SUPPORT, TORCHY!

WE'VE COME TO ANSWER YOUR AD FOR A CAB DRIVER!
GULP THE JOB IS YOURS!

BUT IT'S MR. TRACY HERE WHO'S APPLYING FOR THE JOB, MR. HACKBOTTOM!
I'M SORRY, MY DEAR—I ONLY NEED ONE DRIVER AND YOU'RE IT! COME, I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR CAB!

GEE, ED— I DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE AWAY *YOUR* JOB!
TUT! TUT! TORCHY! I COULDN'T DRIVE A CAB RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY! I'VE GOT AN AWFUL CRAMP IN MY *BIG TOE!*

I GOT HERE FIRST! I'M GONNA RIDE WITH THIS *ANGEL!*
OH, YEAH? YOU'LL BE SEEING PLENTY OF ANGELS—ALL OF 'EM *PLAYING HARPS!*

CAN'T WE SETTLE THIS PEACEABLY, YOU MUGS? WHY DON'T YOU BOTH *SHARE* THE CAB?

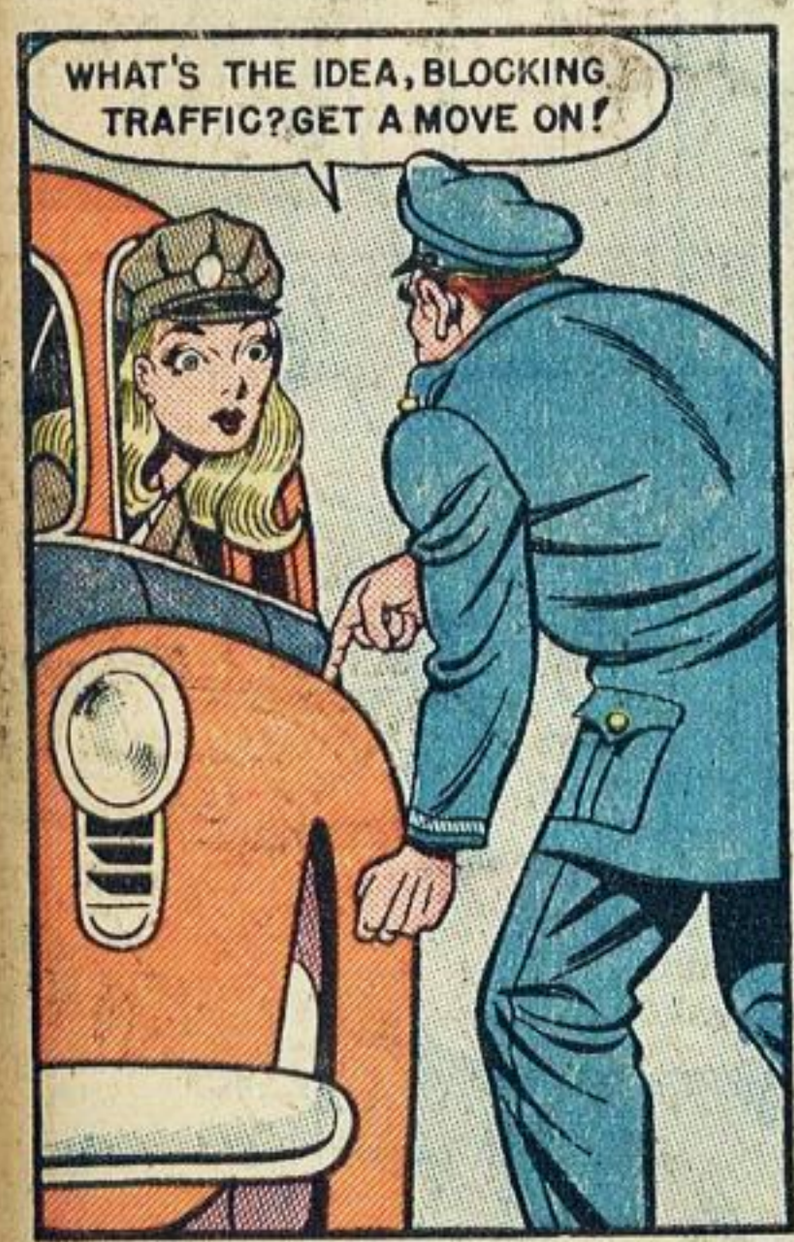
BOYS! PLEASE! THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER CABS!
BUT *YOU'RE* NOT DRIVING THEM!

LOOKS LIKE TORCHY HAS THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND! NO POINT IN MY HANGING AROUND!
TAXI—FOLLOW THAT TAXI!
TAXI

FOLLOW THAT TAXI THAT'S FOLLOWING THAT TAXI AND *DON'T* LET IT OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!
TAXI

MUST BE AN IMPORTANT DELEGATION IN TOWN! ALL THE TAXIS ARE FILLED!
OH, DEAR! WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR MEETING OF THE *BACHELOR GIRLS' CLUB!*
TAXI

YOU GENTLEMEN HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, AS LONG AS WE'RE WITH YOU!


WHAT'S THE IDEA, BLOCKING TRAFFIC? GET A MOVE ON!

I'M SORRY, OFFICER!
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, LITTLE MISS! IT'S ALL THOSE OTHER CABS WHO ARE CAUSING THE TROUBLE!

OFFICER! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE WE'LL NOTIFY THE MAYOR!
GO AHEAD AND NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR, IF YOU WANT TO, LADIES--BUT GET MOVIN'--YOU'RE BLOCKING TRAFFIC!

THE CITY CAN'T COPE WITH IT, MR. GOVERNOR! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
MR. MAYOR--THIS IS CLEARLY A MATTER FOR THE STATE POLICE!

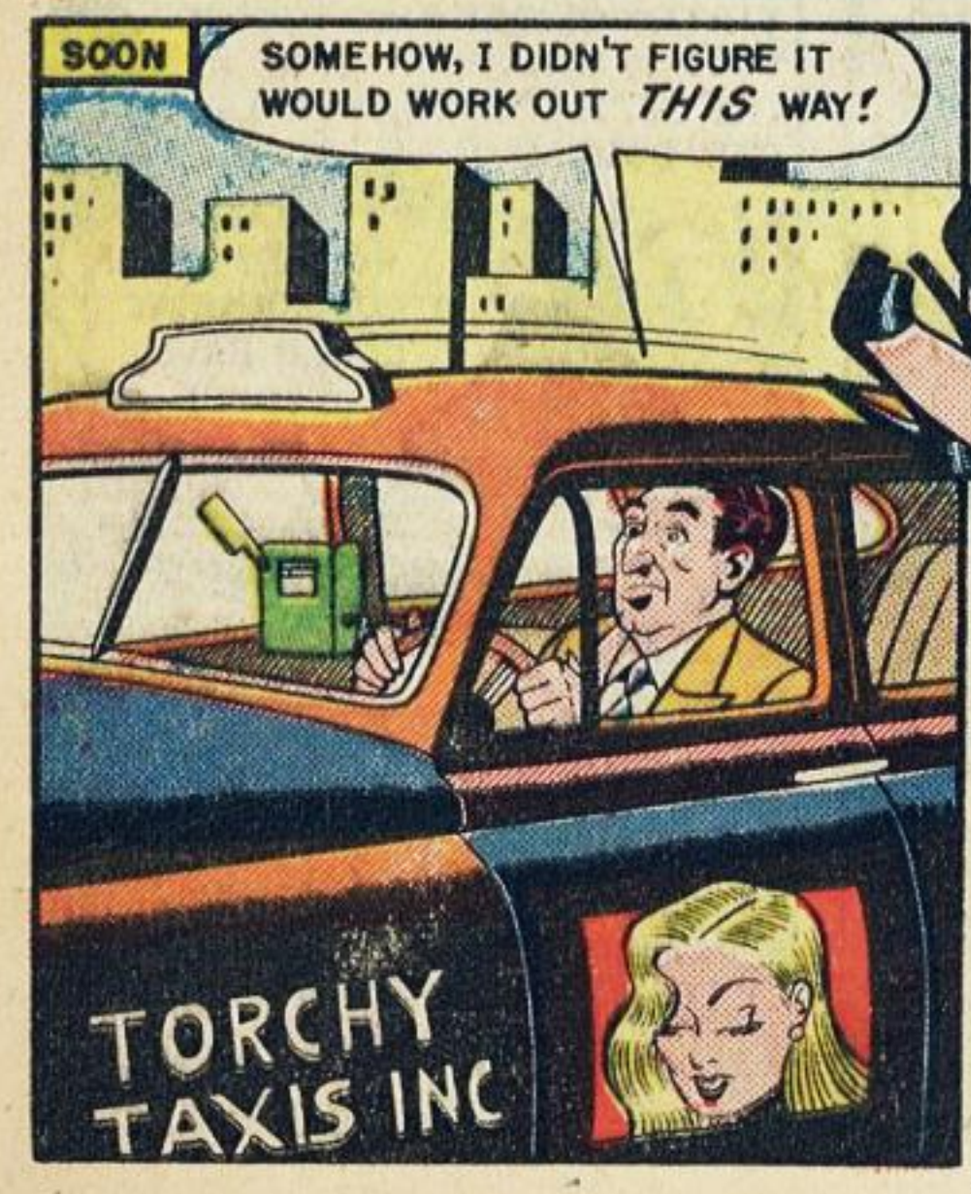
MEANWHILE...
WOULD YOU BOYS LIKE TO HEAR THE RADIO?
SURE--AS LONG AS IT PLAYS: I'LL BE LOVING YOU!

WE INTERRUPT OUR PROGRAM TO BRING YOU AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE STATE POLICE! MISS TORCHY TODD IS WANTED AT ONCE AT THE OFFICE OF THE PURPLE CAB COMPANY!
STATE POLICE? OOOH! I WONDER WHAT I COULD HAVE DONE!

HERE SHE COMES NOW!

TORCHY TODD REPORTING AS REQUESTED, SIR!
GENTLEMEN! CONTROL YOURSELVES! REMEMBER - MISS TODD WORKS FOR *ME!* AND I'M GOING TO PROMOTE HER TO *PRESIDENT!* FROM NOW ON, WHATEVER SHE SAYS GOES!
MISS TODD PUT THE PURPLE CAB COMPANY ON THE MAP! WHY, NOW I'LL EVEN BE ABLE TO BUY A SECOND CAB!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? LITTLE *ME* THE PRESIDENT OF A BIG FLEET OF TAXICABS!

WELL, NOW - I'LL TAKE THIS IN HAND AT ONCE!
THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE *STATE POLICE*, MR. GOVERNOR!
NONSENSE! THIS IS PURELY A *LOCAL* ISSUE!

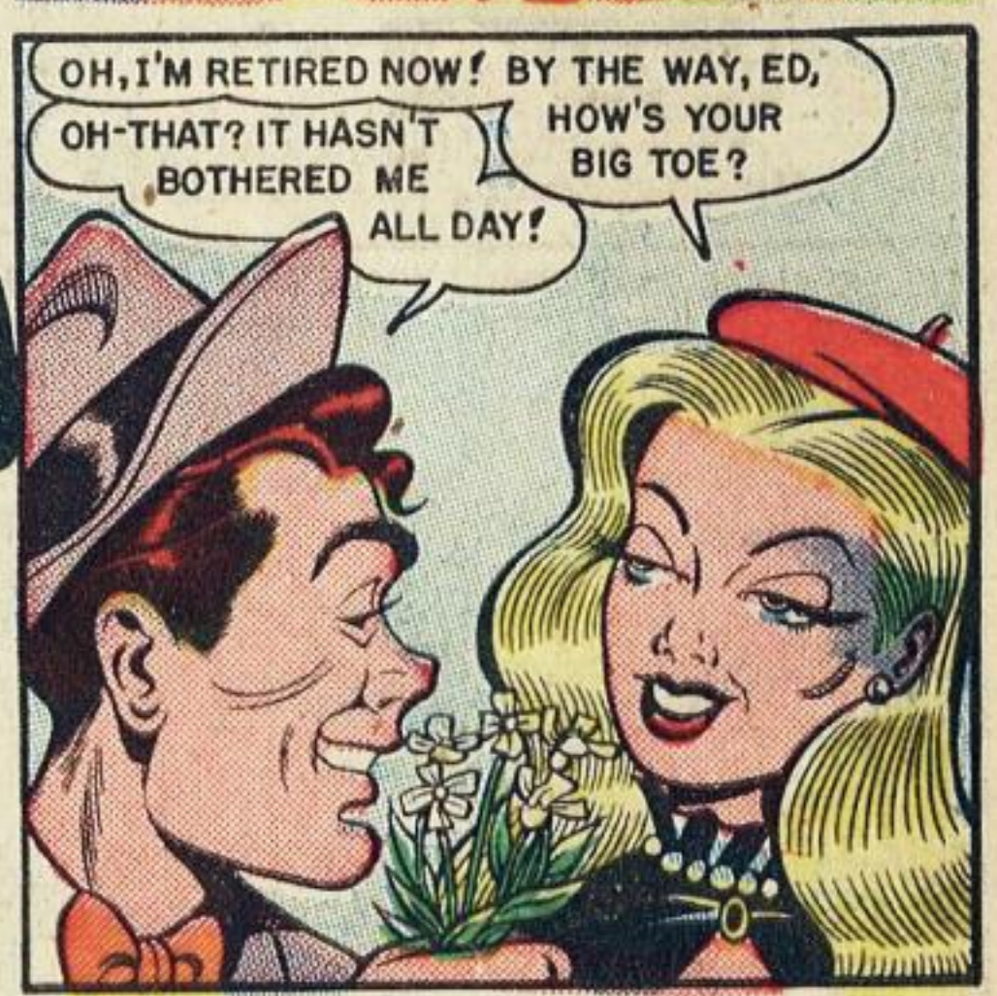

SOON
SOMEHOW, I DIDN'T FIGURE IT WOULD WORK OUT *THIS* WAY!
TORCHY TAXIS INC

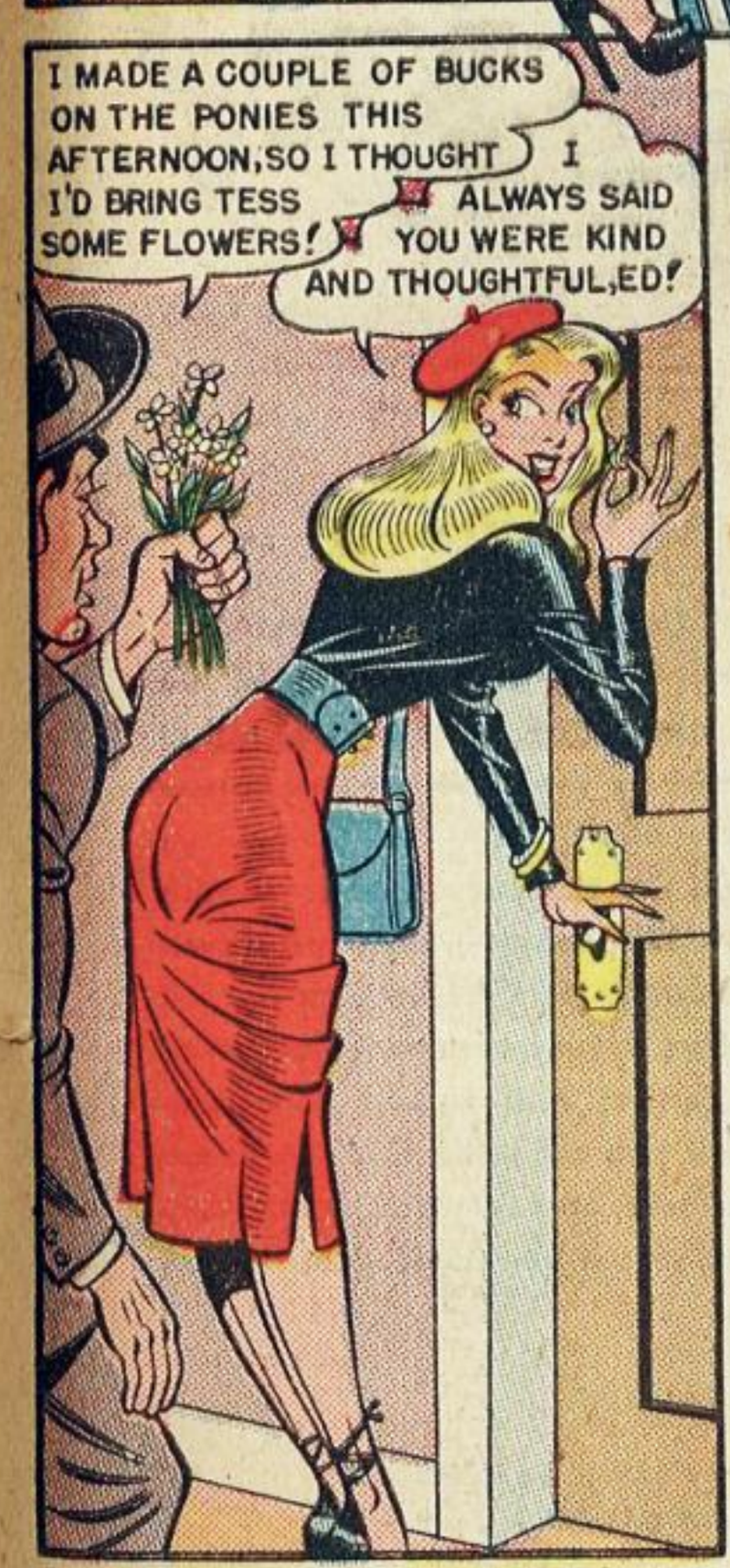
HO-HUM! RUNNING A BIG BUSINESS IS VERY BORING! BESIDES, IT DOESN'T LEAVE ME ANY TIME FOR MYSELF! I THINK I'LL RESIGN!

I'M GLAD MR. HACKBOTTOM SAW THINGS MY WAY! I DON'T THINK I WAS CUT OUT FOR THE TAXICAB BUSINESS, ANYHOW!

I CAN BUY A NEW DRESS WITH THE FIFTY DOLLARS MR. HACK-BOTTOM GAVE ME AS MY SHARE OF THE PROFITS!

HIYA, TORCHY! HOW'S THE BIG BUSINESS TYCOON?


OH, I'M RETIRED NOW! BY THE WAY, ED, HOW'S YOUR BIG TOE?
OH-THAT? IT HASN'T BOTHERED ME ALL DAY!


I MADE A COUPLE OF BUCKS ON THE PONIES THIS AFTERNOON, SO I THOUGHT I'D BRING TESS SOME FLOWERS!
I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL, ED!

OH, ED-FLOWERS FOR ME?
YEAH, KID! I WANTED TO GET YOU *ORCHIDS*, BUT I REMEMBERED YOU HAD *ROSE FEVER*, SO I BROUGHT YOU *DAISIES* INSTEAD!

IT SAYS HERE THE BITVILLE TROLLEY COMPANY NEEDS SOMEONE TO DRIVE THEIR TROLLEY! HOW ABOUT IT, TORCHY?
NO THANKS! I GUESS I'M JUST A HOME GIRL AT HEART!

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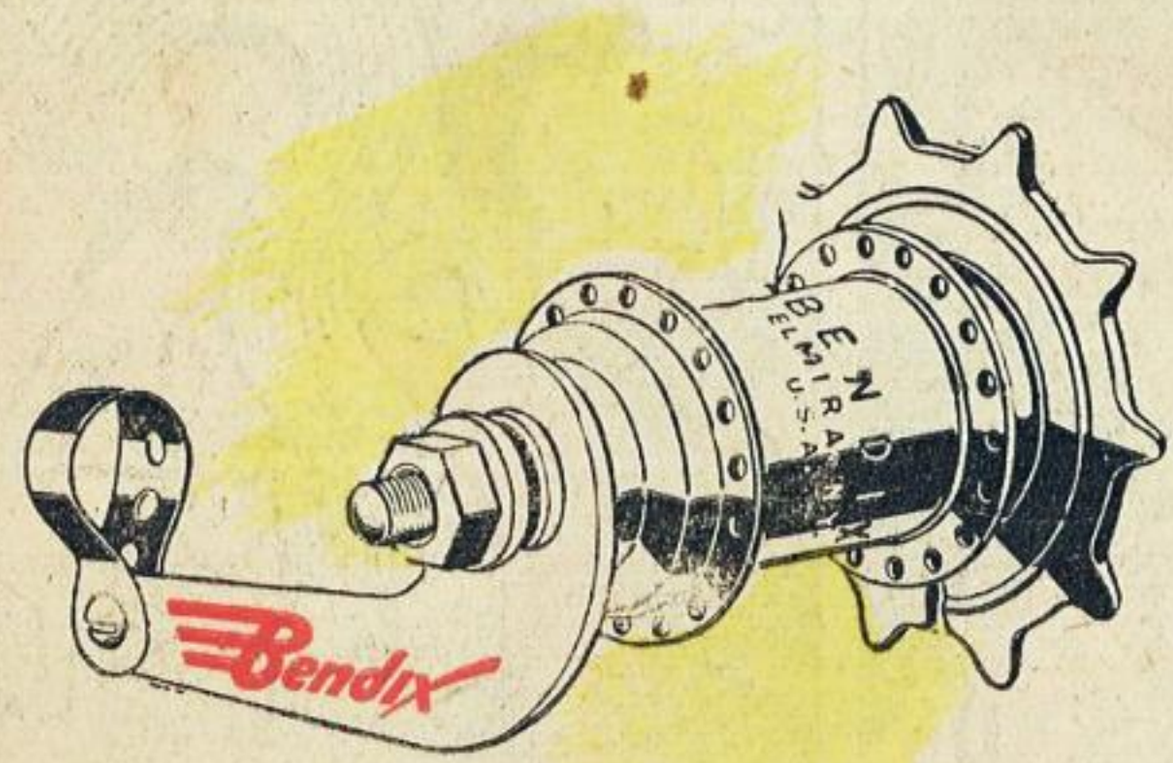

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